

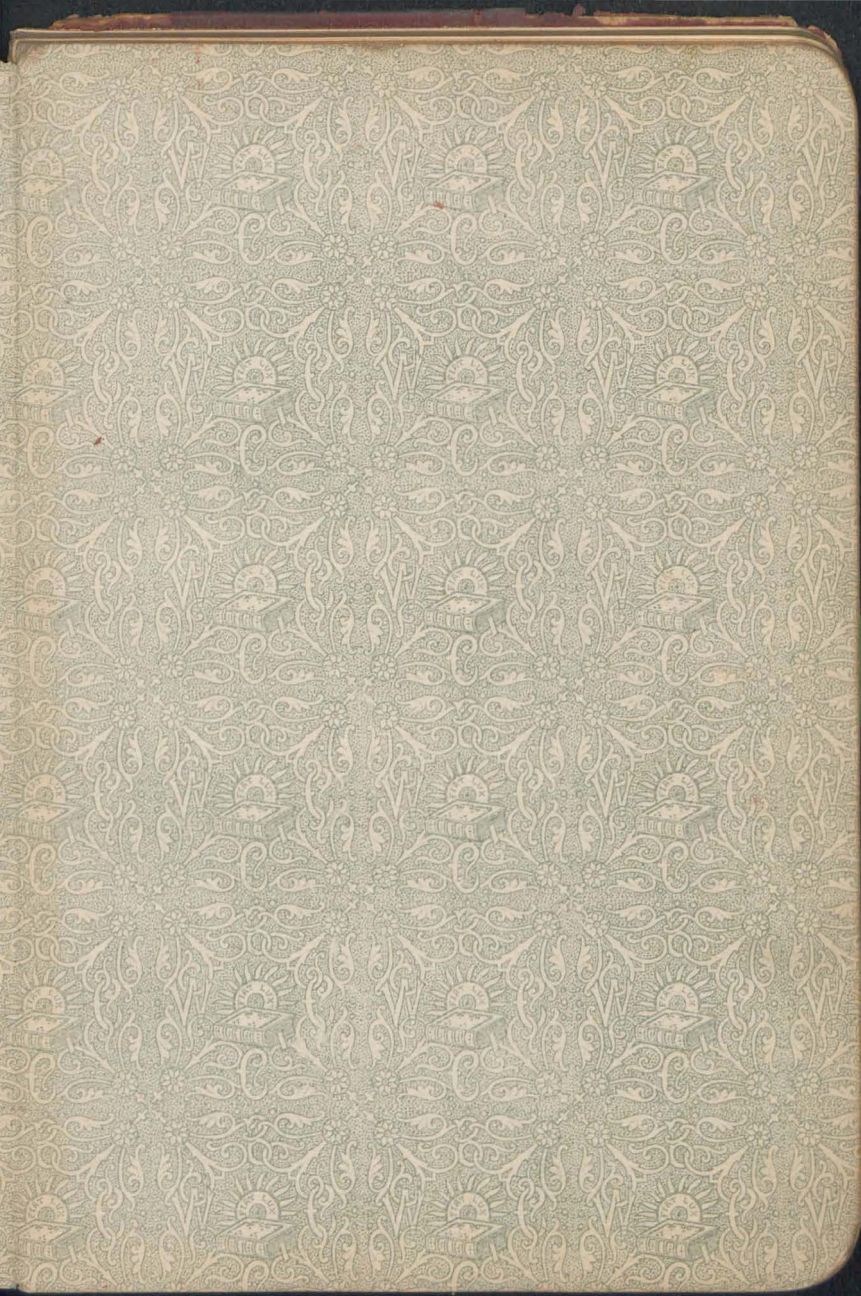
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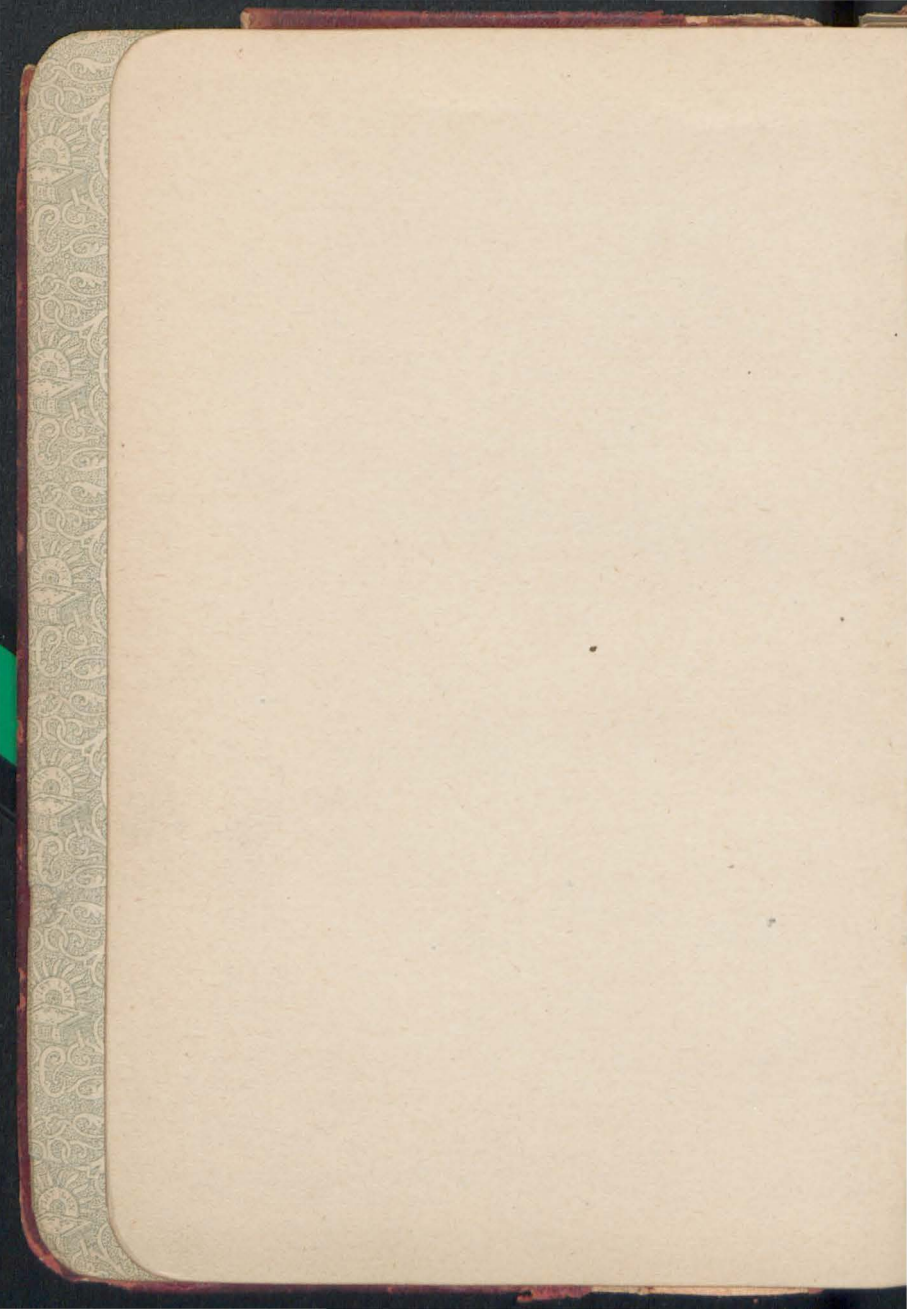
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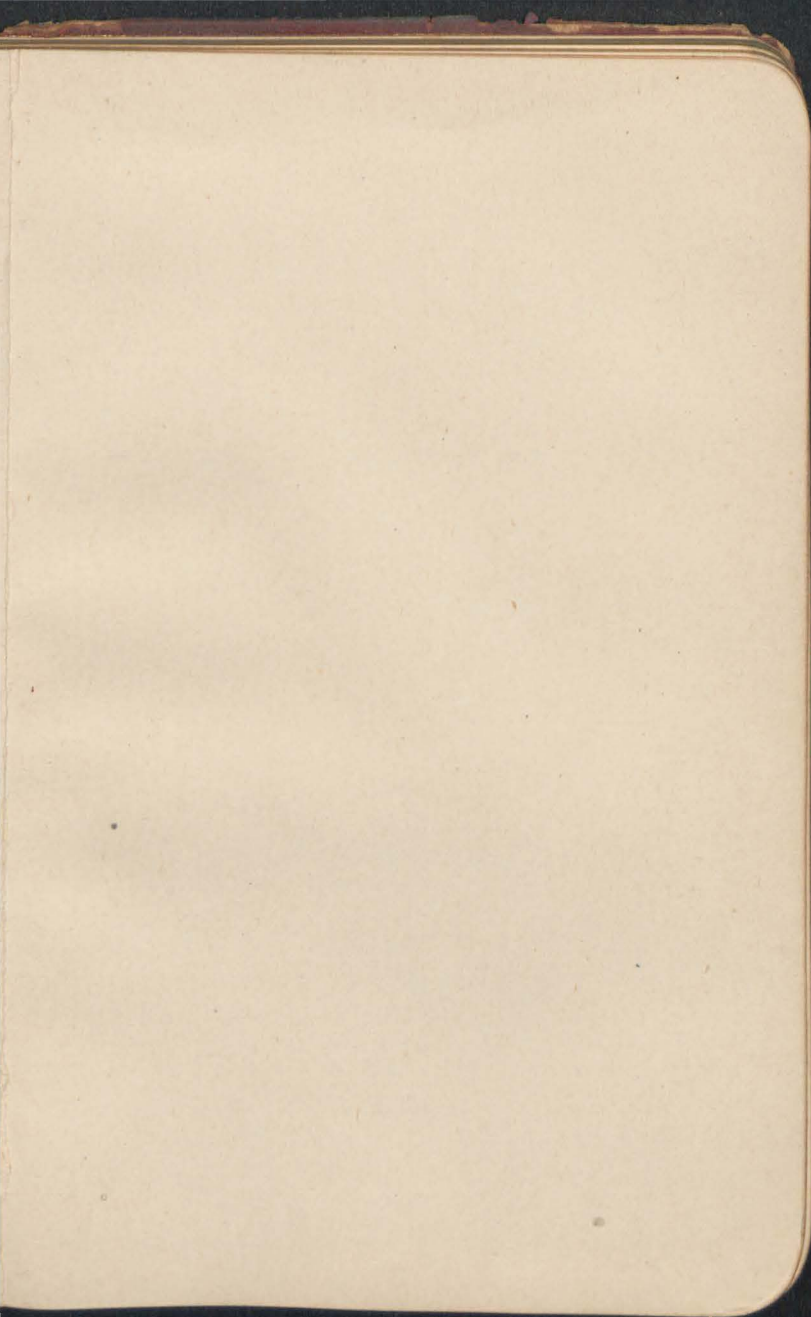
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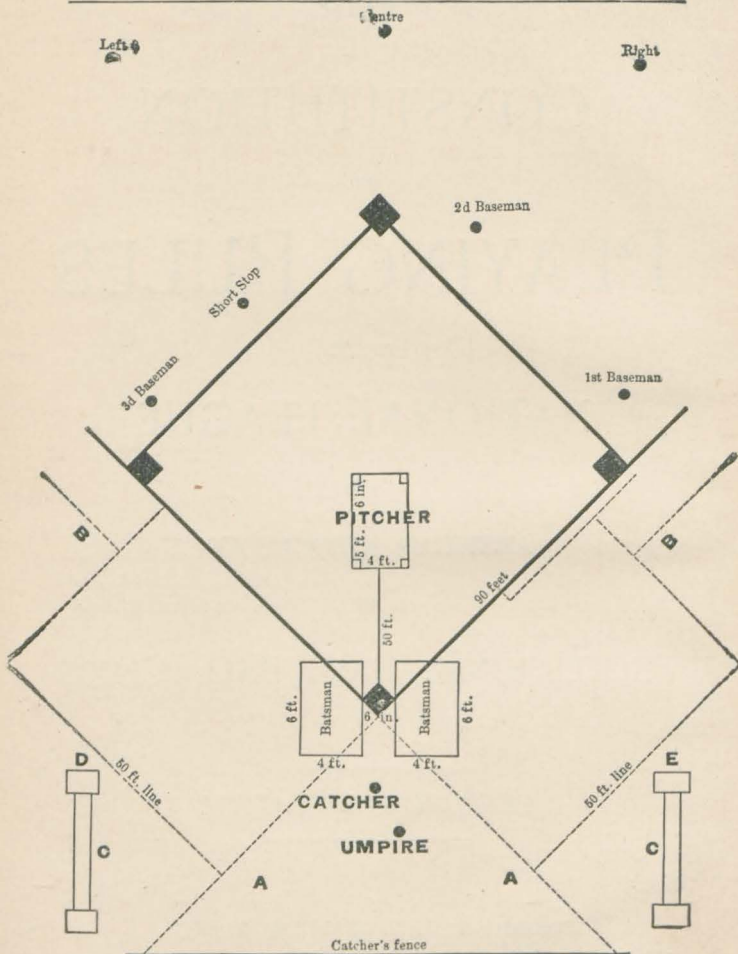
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CORRECT DIAGRAM OF A BALL GROUND.



- A. A. A.—Ground reserved for Umpire, Batsman and Catcher.
 B. B.—Ground reserved for Captain and Assistant.
 C.—Players' Bench. D.—Visiting Players' Bat Rack.
 E.—Home Players' Bat Rack.

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National League and American Association

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NAME.

SECTION I.—(1) This association shall be called "*The National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs.*"

OBJECTS.

SEC. 2.—The objects of this League are:

(1) To perpetuate base ball as the national game of the United States, and to surround it with such safeguards as to warrant for the future absolute public confidence in its integrity and methods.

(2) To protect and promote the mutual interests of professional base ball clubs and professional base ball players, and

(3) To establish and regulate the base ball championship of the United States.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 3.—This League shall consist of twelve clubs (*the membership of which shall not be increased or diminished for a period of ten years*) located in the following named cities, to-wit, Boston, New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Louisville, Cleveland and Chicago, or such other clubs as may, from time to time, be elected to membership as may be hereinafter provided for, *but in no event shall there be more than one club in any city.*

WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 4.—Any club member of this League finding itself unable to meet the obligations it has assumed shall have the right to ask the League for permission to dispose of its rights

and franchises as a member of this League to some other city or organization. In the event of this League giving its consent to the acceptance of such city or organization to membership, such club member shall be admitted to membership, providing said club shall assume, together with the rights and franchises of said retiring club, all the liabilities, responsibilities and obligations entered into by said retiring club as a member of this League. Provided, however, and it must be so understood by the retiring and the new member, that the retiring club shall not be relieved or released from any contracts, responsibilities or obligations entered into by it to this League until all of said contracts, responsibilities and obligations have been fully paid and determined by the club accepting its membership, rights, franchises, etc.

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 5.—No club shall be admitted unless it shall first have delivered to the secretary of the League a written application for membership, signed by its president and secretary, accompanied by documents showing that such club bears the name of the city in which it is located, and that it is regularly organized and officered, and, where the State law permits it, chartered. Such application shall at once be transmitted by the secretary to the Board of Directors, who shall immediately investigate and report upon said application, said report to be communicated to the League through the secretary.

SEC. 6.—The voting upon an application for membership shall be by ballot, a three-fourths vote being requisite for election.

IN REGARD TO VACANCIES.

SEC. 7.—In case a vacancy occurs in the membership of this organization during the championship season the president shall nominate to all the clubs all applicants for membership, and the vote thereon may be taken by telegraph or mail, as occasion may require, and a majority of all the clubs will be required to admit any applicant to membership. Such membership, however, shall continue only until the next annual meeting, but such club shall be subject to all the rules and requirements of this organization.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 8.—The membership of any club may be terminated—

(1) By resignation duly accepted by a three-fourths vote of all the clubs in meeting duly convened, as provided in Sec. 4.

(2) Failure to present its nine at the time and place agreed upon to play any championship game, unless caused by unavoidable accident in traveling.

(3) Allowing open betting or pool selling upon its grounds or in any building owned or occupied by it.

(4) Playing any game of ball with a club that is disqualified or ineligible under this constitution.

(5) Offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or failing to immediately expel any player who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon.

(6) Disbandment of its organization or team during the championship season.

(7) Failing or refusing to fulfill its contractual obligations.

(8) Failing or refusing to comply with any lawful requirement of the Board of Directors.

(9) Willfully violating any provision of this constitution, or the legislation or playing rules made in pursuance thereof.

THE EXPULSION OF CLUBS.

SEC. 9.—To carry into effect the provisions of Sec. 8 of this constitution the facts in any case covered by such section must be reported to the secretary of the League, who shall at once notify by mail or telegraph the party charged with the specified default or offense, inquiring whether any dispute exists as to the facts alleged. In case the facts are disputed, the Board shall, after due notice, try the case under such regulations as they may prescribe, and their finding shall be final and conclusive on all parties except in case of expulsion, when such finding shall be forwarded to each club, which shall transmit to the secretary written ballots "For Expulsion" or "Against Expulsion;" and if all clubs vote "For Expulsion" the secretary shall notify all clubs of the forfeiture of membership of the party charged.

DUES AND ASSESSMENTS.

SEC. 10.—(1) Each club shall pay to the secretary on or before the 1st day of May of each year the sum of one hundred dollars as annual dues; and such other sums as from time to time may be assessed for the payment of salaries of officers and umpires and for such other expenses as may be incurred by order of this League or the Board of Directors. Also all fines and penalties imposed by said League or its Board of Directors

upon a club or upon any club officer, player, manager, scorer, or other employe when so levied and imposed by virtue of and in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and the playing rules of this League.

THE IMPOSING OF FINES.

(2) Upon conviction of any of the offenses prescribed in Sec. 8, as causes for expulsion, the Board of Directors may, in the first instance, as a preliminary to, or in lieu of expulsion, impose such a fine as is in their judgment commensurate with the injury; which fine may include a penalty payable to any other club or clubs, as an equivalent for damages sustained for such violation of this constitution, or of the legislation or contracts made in pursuance thereof.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 11.—At its annual meeting the League shall elect a president, secretary, treasurer, and Board of Directors. The president shall be ex officio chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall preside at all the meetings of the League, and at the annual meeting of the League shall appoint three representatives of the League to act as a schedule committee.

Should the office of president become vacant by death, resignation or removal, the Board of Directors shall within thirty days elect a president.

SEC. 12.—The Board of Directors shall consist of the president and six other members, to be chosen at the annual meeting by ballot, three of whom shall represent the Eastern clubs and three the Western clubs.

QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 13.—No person shall be qualified to act as director who is not an actual member of the club he represents, nor shall any club, under any circumstances, be represented by more than one person on the Board.

DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SEC. 14.—The Board shall have the general supervision and management of all affairs and business of the League, and shall be individually answerable to the League for the faithful discharge of their trust.

SEC. 15.—The Board shall meet annually on the morning of the first Wednesday after the second Tuesday in November, at 9 o'clock, at the place where the annual meeting of the League is to be held, but may hold special meetings whenever urgent necessity may require.

SEC. 16.—The Board shall prepare a detailed report of all their doings, and present the same in writing to the League at its annual meeting, which report shall, if accepted, be filed with the secretary, together with all official papers, documents and property which may have come into their possession by virtue of their office.

VACANCY IN THE BOARD.

SEC. 17.—In case of vacancy in the Board by reason of the death, resignation, absence or disqualification of any director, the club of which he was a member at the time he was chosen shall designate his successor, and at once notify the secretary. But if such vacancy is caused by the withdrawal, disbanding or disqualification of a club represented on the Board, the Board may fill the vacancy by election in the same manner as provided for the election of directors in Sec. 12.

THE SECRETARY'S DUTIES.

SEC. 18.—The secretary shall be the treasurer of the League and as such shall be the custodian of all funds of the League; receive all dues, fees and assessments, make such payments as shall be ordered by the Board, or by the vote of the League, and render annually a report of his accounts, and shall give such bond, with approved sureties, as the Board may require.

SEC. 19.—The secretary shall have the custody and care of the official records and papers of the League; shall keep a true record of all meetings of the League and the Board; shall issue all official notices, and attend to the necessary correspondence; he shall prepare and furnish such reports as may be called for by the Board, and shall be entitled to such books, stationery, blanks and materials as the actual duties of his office may require.

SEC. 20.—The secretary shall keep a record of all infractions of the rules and regulations of the League that may come under his notice, and shall make a report on the same to the Board at its next meeting.

SEC. 21.—The secretary shall receive such salary as the Board, by vote, shall determine, and shall be reimbursed for all traveling expenses actually incurred by him in the service of the League; and the Board may exact from him such guarantees for the faithful performance of his duties as they would deem for the interest and safety of the League. At the expiration of his term of office he shall account for and deliver up to the Board all the property and papers which may have come into his hands by virtue of his office.

LAWS GOVERNING EMPLOYES.

INDIVIDUAL CLUB CONTROL.

SEC. 22.—Each club belonging to this League shall have the right to regulate its own affairs, to establish its own rules, and to discipline, punish, suspend or expel its own manager, players or other employes, and these powers shall not be limited to cases of dishonest play or open insubordination, but shall include all questions of carelessness, indifference, or other conduct of the player that may be regarded by the club as prejudicial to its interests; not in conflict with any provision of this Constitution, or the Playing Rules of this League.

CLUB TERRITORIAL RIGHTS.

SEC. 23.—Every club of this League shall have exclusive control of the city in which it is located and of the territory surrounding such city, to the extent of five miles in every direction from its corporate limits, and no visiting League club shall, under any circumstances, except with the consent of the local League club, until all League championship games on that ground shall have been finished, be allowed to play any club in such territory other than the League club therein located, nor shall a visiting League club play any game in April with any non-League club within said five miles from the corporate limits of the city in which the League club is located, without the consent of the local League club.

MODE OF CONTRACT.

SEC. 24.—Contracts between a club and its players may be either by telegram or writing, to be followed within thirty days thereafter by a contract in the form approved by this League and promulgated by the secretary, to all the clubs.

ON RESERVATION OF PLAYERS.

SEC. 25.—Each club a member of this League shall be entitled to the right of reservation. On or before the 10th day of October in each year each club shall transmit to the secretary a reserve list of players whose services it desires to retain, not exceeding fourteen in number then under contract to said club for the current or for any succeeding season or seasons, and in addition thereto the names of such players reserved in any prior annual list who have refused to contract with said club. Such players, together with all others thereafter to be regularly contracted with, shall be ineligible to contract with any other club

of this League except as hereinafter provided. No club shall have the right to reserve any player when in arrears of salary to him. The secretary shall duly promulgate such lists.

MAKING CONTRACTS.

SEC. 26.—All contracts between clubs of this League and individual players shall be made through the secretary, or his duly authorized agent. This League shall adopt such form of contract as it may deem best for the protection of the rights of the parties thereto. All contracts must be approved by the secretary, and duly promulgated by him. Provided, clubs belonging to this League may contract with players for any period of time that may be mutually agreed upon. Provided, that no club shall at any time enter into negotiation or contract with any player under contract, agreement or reservation with or by any other club, without the latter's consent.

EXPULSION OF PLAYERS.

SEC. 27.—Any player, while under contract with or reservation by a League club, who shall, without the consent of such club, enter the service of any other club in any capacity, shall be liable to expulsion by said League club. Whenever a club releases a manager or player without notice, or gives him ten days' notice of release in accordance with the terms of his contract, and whenever it suspends or expels a manager or player, that club shall at once notify the secretary of this League, stating, in case of release, the date when the same takes effect, and in case of suspension or expulsion, the cause thereof.

NEGOTIATING FOR SERVICES.

SEC. 28.—No player, without the consent of the club with which he is under contract or reservation, shall enter into negotiations with any other club for future services, but if such consent be obtained, a player may negotiate for his release, and offer a money consideration therefor, which may be accepted by the said releasing club.

EFFECT OF CLUB DISBANDMENT.

SEC. 29.—The disbandment of a League club or its withdrawal from or loss of League membership shall operate as a release of its players from contract and reservation with said club, but the right to contract with and reserve said players shall be subject to transfer to such other club as the League may designate after acceptance of their said services.

ON SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS.

SEC. 30.—No manager or player who has been suspended or expelled from a League club shall at any time thereafter be allowed to play with or serve in any capacity any League club (either the one expelling him or any other) unless the term of suspension by the club has expired, or, upon his appeal to this League, such expulsion or suspension shall have been set aside.

PLAYING WITH OUTSIDE CLUBS.

SEC. 31.—No game of base ball shall be played between a League club and any other club that has been expelled from membership in this League. No game of ball shall be played between a League club and any other club employing or presenting in its nine a player expelled or under suspension from the League or otherwise rendered ineligible by this League or a club member thereof. A violation of this section shall forfeit the game in favor of the non-offending club, and subject it to such fine as the Board of Directors may impose.

"CROOKEDNESS" AND ITS PENALTIES.

SEC. 32.—Any person who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to cause any game of ball to result otherwise than on its merits under the playing rules, or who, while acting as umpire, shall violate any provision of the Constitution, or of the playing rules adopted hereunder, *may be forever disqualified by the president of the League from acting as umpire, manager, player or in any other capacity in any game of ball participated in by a League club.*

THE UMPIRE AND HIS DUTIES.

THE STAFF OF UMPIRES.

SEC. 33.—A staff of League umpires shall be selected by the secretary before the opening of the regular season.

(1) They shall be paid such salaries and allowed such expenses as may be mutually agreed upon by contract between them and the secretary of the League, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the League.

(2) They shall be under the sole control and direction of the secretary, from whom they will receive all assignments to duty and all instructions regarding the interpretation of the playing rules, and the secretary shall prescribe a proper uniform for them, all parts of which shall be worn while officiating as umpires.

THEIR DUTIES.

(3) In the event of the failure of an umpire to umpire a game assigned to him, it shall be the duty of the secretary to provide a substitute to umpire such game, and in such case there shall be deducted from the next monthly payment to the League umpire the sum of twelve dollars for each game assigned to him, which for any reason he shall have failed to umpire.

(4) It shall be the duty of each League club to accept as umpire for any championship game such League umpire or substitute as the secretary shall assign to such game, and only in the event of the failure of the League umpire or substitute so assigned to appear at the hour appointed for the beginning of such game, shall the duty devolve upon the home club to designate an umpire for such game.

THEIR REMOVAL.

(5) Any League umpire shall be subject to removal by the secretary at any time, and in the event of the resignation, removal or expulsion of any League umpire the secretary shall have power to appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy thus created.

CAUSE FOR EXPULSION.

SEC. 34.—Any League umpire who shall in the judgment of the president of the League be guilty of ungentlemanly conduct, or of selling or offering to sell a game of which he is umpire, shall thereupon be removed from his official capacity and placed under the same disabilities inflicted upon expelled players by the constitution of this League.

SETTLEMENT OF CLUB DISPUTES.

THE GOVERNING TRIBUNAL.

SEC. 35.—The Board of Directors shall be the sole tribunal to determine disputes between clubs; the facts to be submitted, and the dispute adjudicated under such regulations as the Board shall prescribe in each case. The finding of the Board shall be final, and under no circumstances shall be reconsidered, reopened or inquired into, either by the League or any subsequent Board.

THE GOVERNING POWER.

SEC. 36.—The Board shall at once consider any complaint preferred by a club against a manager or player of another club (prior to the expiration of the championship season) for conduct in violation of any provision of this constitution, or pre-

judicial to the good repute of the game of base ball, and shall have power to require the club to which such player or manager may belong to discipline him, and upon repetition of such offense to expel him. Provided, that such complaint be preferred in writing, giving such particulars as may enable the Board to ascertain all the facts, and be transmitted to the secretary by whom it shall at once be referred to the Board.

ADJUDICATING COMPLAINTS BY PLAYERS.

SEC. 37.—In case a player under contract with a League club, shall during a current season prefer a complaint in writing to the secretary of the League against such club, alleging that such club is in arrears to him for salary for more than fifteen days after such salary became due on account of such contract, the secretary shall at once transmit to the said club a copy of such complaint, and require an answer thereto. On receipt of such answer, or if one week shall have elapsed without the receipt of an answer, the secretary shall refer the paper in the case to the Board of Directors through its chairman, and should the Board find the player's complaint sustained, they shall require the club, under penalty of forfeiture of its membership, to pay to the player forthwith the full amount ascertained to be due him. Provided, that should the player refuse to serve the club pending action by the Board on his complaint he will thereby forfeit the benefits of the award, and in such case the Board shall revoke his award.

THE COURT OF APPEAL.

SEC. 38.—The Board shall also be the sole tribunal for the hearing of an appeal made by any person who shall have been expelled, suspended or disciplined by his club. The matter shall be proceeded with in the following manner: Such person shall, within thirty days after the date of the expulsion, suspension or discipline, file with the secretary a written statement of his defense, accompanied by a request that an appeal be allowed him. The secretary shall notify the club of the request for an appeal, accompanying such notice with a copy of the appeal, and at the next annual meeting, the club, by its duly authorized representative, and the appellant in person, by attorney, or by written statement, shall appear before the Board with their testimony. The Board shall impartially hear the matter and render their decision, which shall be final and forever binding on both club and player.

SEC. 39.—No director shall sit in the trial of a cause in which his club is interested.

SEC. 40.—Any expense of trials or arbitrations shall be borne equally by the parties to the controversy.

ADOPTING PLAYING RULES.

SEC. 41.—This League shall adopt such playing rules as it deems best for the conduct of its business.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES.

THE COMPETING CLUBS.

SEC. 42.—The championship of the United States established by this League shall be contended for yearly by the clubs composing the League.

DURATION OF THE SEASON.

SEC. 43.—The championship season shall extend from such date in April or May to such date in September or October as the League may determine at its stated or special meeting.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.

SEC. 44.—Every game played between two clubs from the commencement of the championship season to the completion of the championship series between such clubs shall be a game for the championship, and no League club shall lend or exchange players to or with each other for any game played during the championship season.

NUMBER OF GAMES.

SEC. 45.—Each club shall play twelve or more championship games with every other club, but a tie or draw game or a game prevented by rain shall be played off on the same grounds on a succeeding day within the dates of the same schedule series between such clubs.

SPECIAL CHAMPIONSHIP RULES.

SEC. 46.—Each club shall have half of the championship series of games with every other club played on its grounds, except as otherwise provided in Sec. 45, and in all the details of such games that do not involve the rights of the visiting club under the playing rules, but relate solely to such games as attractive exhibitions to the patrons of the home club, the visiting club shall defer to the wishes of the home club, and the visiting club shall furnish to a person designated by the home club the batting order of its nine by 10 o'clock on the morning of the day of each game, or the evening previous if requested. In case of the failure of any visiting club to furnish the batting order of its nine as herein

stipulated, it shall forfeit the sum of \$10, which amount shall be immediately transmitted to the secretary of the League, upon the receipt of notice from him of the infliction of such fine, which notice shall be given by the secretary upon receipt of complaint from the home club.

It shall be the duty of the home club to furnish the manager and captain of the visiting club with a list of the batting order before the commencement of the game under similar penalties for default as herein prescribed. The visiting club shall have the right to practice its nine on the grounds of the home club between 11 and 12 o'clock A. M. on each day of its visit during the championship season.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE.

SEC. 47.—All championship games shall be arranged in a written schedule prepared by the schedule committee, and reported to and adopted by the League by a three-fourths vote before the beginning of the championship season. The schedule shall provide for an equal number of return games and specify the date of each game, and the date of each series of games. No date in said schedule shall subsequently be changed, except (1) by written agreement of two clubs from a date fixed by the schedule for a game between such clubs to another day prior to the first and subsequent to the last date of the same schedule series between such clubs; or (2) as provided in Sec 45; or (3), by the written consent of three-fourths of all the League clubs.

THE ADMISSION FEES.

SEC. 48.—The general admission fee to all championship games shall be fifty cents (50), but each club shall designate a part of its grounds and provide seats thereon the admission fee to which shall be twenty-five (25) cents, and all division of percentages shall be made on the basis of fifty (50) cents, except as to that part of the grounds the admission fee to which is fixed at twenty-five (25) cents, and as to such part of said grounds all division of percentage shall be on the basis of twenty-five cents.

RECORD OF RECEIPTS.

SEC. 49.—At the conclusion of each championship game the home club shall deliver to the manager of the visiting club (and shall transmit by mail to the president of the visiting club a duplicate of the same) a statement of the receipts of said game which must include all fifty cent and all twenty-five cent admissions. Prior to any division of the receipts ten per centum thereof shall be deducted to be deposited in the general fund, and the balance shall then be divided on the basis of fifty per centum, and after all

debts incurred by this League and all current expenses are paid and a treasury fund of \$25,000 has accumulated, the balance shall be equally divided monthly among all the clubs.

THE TURNSTILE COUNT.

SEC. 50.—The number of persons admitted to the grounds shall be determined by the use of the necessary number of self-registering turnstiles, the arms of which shall extend within four inches of a dividing partition, the keys of which shall be delivered to the agent of the visiting club before the opening of the grounds for each game; and said agent of the visiting club shall have full access to such turnstile, and the box of such turnstile shall not be removed until after the close of the seventh innings and in case a carriage gate is used a ticket for each person admitted through such gate shall at once be delivered to the agent of the visiting club. No person shall be admitted free to the grounds during or prior to such game of the hour appointed therefor, excepting only players of contesting clubs, policemen in uniform, the umpires and the necessary employes of the home club. The visiting club shall have the right to accept the turnstile count for each and all games, or to count all tickets. Each club shall be required to use for its business a substantial pasteboard ticket, which can be readily counted.

DIAGRAM OF GROUNDS.

SEC. 51.—It shall be the duty of each club previous to the opening of the championship season to furnish to the Secretary of the League for each other club of this League a diagram or plat of its grounds, showing the location of its fifty (50) cent seats and its twenty-five (25) cent seats, and the location of entrances to same. No club shall be allowed to have more than four entrances to its grounds except upon holidays, but for all such days the visiting club shall be given at least ten days' notice of the whole number and location of additional entrances; provided, however, emergency gates may be opened by consent of the visiting club if occasion requires.

STOPPING PLAY TO CATCH TRAINS.

SEC. 52.—On any day when a club is required to leave a city in order to reach another city where it is scheduled to play its next game, the home club shall be compelled upon proper notice to the visiting club to begin the game three hours and a half before the time of the departure of the last train by means of which either club can reach the next scheduled point in time. And either club may leave the field at any time within one hour of said train time without forfeiting any rights or privileges, provided five innings have been played, and the umpire shall be the sole judge of the time.

GIVING OUT RAIN CHECKS.

SEC. 53.—In the event of a game being stopped by rain before completion of five innings, the home club may issue rain checks, good for any succeeding game. If rain checks are so issued the visiting club shall not be entitled to its percentage of receipts; but if rain checks are not issued, the visiting club shall be entitled to its percentage of receipts, precisely as if the game had been fully played.

ON FORFEITED GAMES.

SEC. 54.—A club shall be entitled to forfeited games—to count in its series as games won by a score of nine runs to none—in case where the umpire in any championship game shall award the game to such club on account of the violation by the contesting club of any section of this Constitution or of any playing rule; and in the event of said forfeiture being caused by the withdrawal of the players during the progress of the game, or by a failure to report with its team at the time fixed for the game, unless written notice has been received from the home club that the game cannot be played, then such forfeiting club shall incur a penalty of one thousand dollars, which shall be payable to the Secretary of the League within ten days thereafter for the use and benefit of the non-offending club, but said fine may be remitted or modified upon appeal to and a hearing by the Board of Directors.

ON DRAWN GAMES.

SEC. 55.—Drawn, tie and postponed games shall not count in the series as games (but any game of not less than five innings shall be included in the averages), but must be played off, if possible, as provided in Sec. 45. If they cannot be played off, as therein provided, they may subsequently be played off, if sufficient time exists before the close of the season.

WINNING THE PENNANT.

SEC. 56.—The club which shall have won the greatest percentage of games in the championship series, shall be declared the champion club of the United States for the season in which such games were played. In the event that two or more clubs shall have won the same percentage of games, then the Board shall at once arrange a special series of three games between any two of such clubs, such games to be played in the month of October, and the games so played shall be included in the championship record, and counted in determining the award of the championship. In such case only the provisions of this Constitution prohibiting the playing or recording as championship games, games played after the expiration of the championship

season, shall have no effect. The emblem of the championship shall be a pennant (of the national colors) to cost not less than one hundred dollars (\$100). It shall be inscribed with the motto, "Champion Base Ball Club of the United States," with the name of the club and the year in which the title was won, and the champion club shall be entitled to fly the pennant until the close of the ensuing year.

DECIDING THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

SEC. 57.—The championship shall be decided in the following manner:

Within twenty-four hours after every match game played for the championship, the home club shall prepare and forward to the Secretary of the League a statement containing the full score of the game, according to the system specified in the playing rules, the date, the place where played, the names of the clubs and umpire; provided, that no tie or drawn game shall be considered a game for any purpose except the averages; and provided, further, that in any case where the secretary shall not receive the score of a championship game within five days after the playing of such game, the club whose duty it is to forward such score shall pay to the League the sum of ten dollars as the penalty of such default.

At the close of the season the secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of the games won and lost by each club, according to the statement so sent him, which statement shall be the sole evidence in the matter, and submit the same, with the statements so sent him, to the Board, who shall make the award in writing and report the same to the League at its annual meeting.

In making the award the Board shall consider:

- (1) The tabular statement of the secretary.
- (2) Forfeited games.
- (3) Games participated in by clubs which have withdrawn, disbanded or forfeited their membership without completing their championship series with all other League clubs, such games shall be counted to the following extent: The Board shall ascertain the least number of championship games played by such club with any club remaining in the League, and shall, from the first game participated in during the championship series by such retired club, count in the series of each League club a similar number of games, and all other games participated in by such retired club shall not be counted in the championship series. Provided, that if such retired club shall have failed to play at least one championship game with every League club, all games participated in by it shall be thrown out entirely.

CONSTITUTION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

SEC. 58.—The annual meeting of the League shall be held on the first Wednesday after the second Tuesday in November of each year, at 12 o'clock noon, and at such places as shall have been determined by a vote at the previous annual meeting.

CLUB REPRESENTATION.

SEC. 59.—At such meeting each club shall be represented and shall be entitled to two representatives, and to have in addition thereto any of its officers or ex-officers present at such meeting; but no club shall be permitted to send as a representative any person under contract or engagement as a ball player or manager, and belonging to the nine of said club in such capacity. They shall present a certificate from the president or secretary of their club, showing their authority to act, but no club shall have more than one vote.

THE LEAGUE SESSIONS.

SEC. 60.—This League may, upon a majority vote of its members, elect to go into executive session for the transaction of its business, and during such sessions no club shall be entitled to more than two (2) representatives.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

SEC. 61.—Special meetings may be called by the president of this League on his own option or on the written call of six clubs.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SEC. 62.—A representation of a majority of clubs shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained.

SEC. 63.—The following shall be the order of business, unless suspended by a three-fourths vote of the club members:

1. Reading Minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of Board of Directors.
3. Report of Committees.
4. Election of new members.
5. Amendment of Constitution.
6. Amendment of Playing Rules.
7. Election of Officers.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 64.—(1) The Constitution of this League may be altered or amended by a *three-fourths vote of the League at any annual meeting*, or by a unanimous vote at any other time. Provided, however, that this section and Sections 3, 8, 48 and 49 shall not be altered or amended except by a unanimous vote of this League.

(2) Any section of this Constitution may be suspended or its provision made nonapplicable by *unanimous vote at a League meeting*.

NATIONAL AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL ASSOCIATIONS.

This Agreement between the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs, hereinafter designated as the party of the first part, such eligible professional base ball associations as shall, with the assent of the National Board of Professional Base Ball Associations, be admitted to Class A and become signatory parties hereto—hereinafter designated as the parties of the second part, and such other eligible professional base ball associations as shall, with the assent of said National Board, be admitted to Class Band become signatory parties hereto—hereinafter designated as the parties of the third part. Witnesseth, That

1. This instrument shall be called the National Agreement of Professional Base Ball Associations.

2. The general enforcement of this Agreement, the protection of rights thereunder, the determination of all controversies as hereinafter provided, and generally the regulation of all things within the scope of this Agreement, are each and severally conferred upon and committed to a Board to be known as "The National Board of Professional Base Ball Associations." This Board shall consist of three delegates, representing the party of the first part, and one delegate representing each of the parties of the second part, elected each year by their respective constituent associations. The officers of the Board shall consist of a chairman, secretary and treasurer, which offices may be filled by either one, two or three persons. All officers, assistants, agents or employes shall be selected, and all other questions, except as hereinafter prescribed, shall be decided by the entire Board, a majority of the delegates of the parties of the first part concurring in such selection and decision. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be constituted by the presence of a majority of the delegates of the party of the first part.

3. The Board may adopt rules and regulations prescribing the duties of each and all of its officers; its method of procedure and the general transaction of its business.

4. It shall be the duty of the Board, and it shall have full and final jurisdiction:

(a) To hear and determine all disputes and complaints between associations and clubs; between one club and another, members of different associations; between clubs and players or managers, and, in addition thereto, all disputes and complaints arising under and of all matters involving the interpretation of the National

Agreement or the disposition of the rights thereunder. Clubs belonging to the same association, by mutual consent, or upon the request of the association to which they belong, may refer any controversy between such clubs or in which such clubs are interested, to the Board for decision or adjustment.

(b) In the performance of its duties the Board shall have power to impose fines or penalties upon associations, clubs, club officers, players, managers, scorers and umpires, and to suspend any such organization or person from the protection and privileges of the National Agreement in any instances in which, in its opinion, it or he shall have been guilty of conduct detrimental to the general welfare of the game, or in violation of the letter or spirit of the National Agreement.

(c) Its decisions shall be final over any and all matters within its jurisdiction.

(d) It may reinstate any person or body suspended.

(e) It shall have power to make such reasonable assessments upon clubs or associations as may be necessary to defray the expenses incidental to the performance of its duties and the enforcement of this Agreement.

(f) It may make all orders, rules and regulations, which it may deem necessary for the performance of its duties and the exercise of its powers, and to accomplish the purpose in view in its establishment, and amend and supplement the same from time to time; provided, prior notice of any proposed amendments or supplements be given to all members of the Board before action be taken thereon.

(g) It may cause the proceedings or rulings, or any part thereof, in any case which may be deemed of sufficient importance to serve as a precedent, to be published in such a manner as may be prescribed.

(h) Whenever anybody or person shall desire to submit any matter for the consideration of the Board it shall be presented to the chairman by a concise statement thereof, and accompanied by such evidence as may be in support of such statement. Notice shall be given to any other body or person interested in the matter, to make answer and to present appropriate evidence in support thereof.

5. (a) Associations parties of the second part shall be known and designated as members of Class A, and associations parties of the third part shall be known and designated as members of Class B, and an association of either class whose membership shall at any time be reduced to less than four clubs actually engaged in a schedule of championship games during and to the close of the season shall cease to be parties to, and forfeit all rights, privileges and protection under the National Agreement.

(b) When an association applies for protection and classification under the National Agreement, it shall include and state in its application to the secretary of the Board: The class, A or B, into which it seeks admission; the list of its club members with the respective location of their business offices and playing grounds; the monthly salary limit for its club teams and maximum monthly salary limit of their players; a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the association; a pledge or agreement for the maintenance of said salary limit and the faithful performance of its obligations under the National Agreement, its own constitution and by-laws, and its other contractual obligations; which classification, club membership, location of club offices and playing grounds, salary limit, constitution, by-laws and pledge or agreement shall not, after approval by the Board, be changed, modified, altered or released without the assent of the Board.

(c) Class A shall constitute associations whose clubs shall have the privilege of contracting with their players for one, two or three seasons or years, and of reservation, in accordance with Art. 9, of players under contract of only one season or year; subject to the right of "selection" of their players by a club member of the party of the first part, in accordance with Art. 8, at the rate of \$1000 for the release of each player so "selected." When such association shall consist of but four clubs, it shall pay to the secretary of the Board \$250 for each of said clubs; when of six clubs, \$200 for each of said clubs; when of eight or more clubs, \$150 for each of said clubs. Such payments to be made before the beginning of the championship season.

(d) Class B shall constitute associations whose clubs shall have the privilege of contracting with their players for but one season with or without reservation (in accordance with Art. 9) as they may elect by notice to the secretary of the Board prior to the beginning of their championship season. Such association shall be subject to the right of "selection" by a club member of either of the parties of the first and second part in accordance with Art. 6, at the rate of \$500 for the release of each player so "selected"—if entitled to reservation privileges.

When such association shall elect reservation privileges, it shall pay to the secretary of the Board for each of its clubs one-half the sums payable, as above prescribed, for associations in Class A, and, when not entitled to reservation privileges, the sum of twenty-five dollars per club prior to the beginning of the playing season.

6. (a) For the purpose of enabling players to advance in their profession a club member of the party of the first part may, at any time after October 1, in any year and before February 1 of the succeeding year, with the consent of the Board, negotiate with any

player then under contract with or reservation by a club member of such association, and "select" such player upon payment of the sum specified in Art. 5. And a club member of an association in Class A may negotiate with and make similar "selection" of a player then under contract and reservation by a club member of an association in Class B. Provided, that no such "selection" shall be enforced, and no transfer of a player shall be made unless he shall receive an increase of salary.

(b) Any club entitled to make a "selection" of a player and desiring to do so, shall notify the secretary of the Board, stating the name of the player and the club with which he is under contract of reservation, and inclosing the amount specified in Art. 5, to be paid for such release. The secretary shall thereupon notify the club or association from which such "selection" is to be made, and shall order his transfer to the "selecting" club. Notice of such transfer shall thereupon be promulgated.

7. Contracts between clubs and players shall be in writing in the form prescribed by the Board. An informal contract, whether evidenced by telegrams or other writing, shall be valid for a period not exceeding thirty days, until a contract in the prescribed form shall be tendered by the contracting club to the contracting player. The failure of the club to so tender such formal contract will release the player from all contractual obligations thereunder, and the refusal of the player to execute such formal contract when so tendered shall extend the validity of his informal contract until he shall execute said formal contract.

8. No club shall at any time enter into negotiations or contract with any player under contract to or reservation by another club without the latter's consent, under such fines and penalties as the Board may inflict.

9. On or before the tenth day of October in each year the secretaries of associations, parties hereto, entitled to privilege of reservation, shall transmit to the secretary of the Board a reserve list of players, not exceeding fourteen in number, then under contract with each of its several club members, for the current or for any succeeding season or seasons, and in addition thereto a list of such players reserved in any prior annual reserve list, who have refused to contract with such clubs, and of all ineligible players. Such players, together with all others thereafter to be regularly contracted with by such clubs, are and shall be ineligible to contract with any other club of any association, except as herein prescribed. The secretary of said Board shall thereupon promulgate such lists, provided that no club shall be permitted to reserve any player while in arrears of salary to him.

10. The Board may also release from contract or reservation any player or manager, when the club with which he has con-

tracted, or by which ne has been reserved, shall be in arrears to him for salary for more than fifteen days after such salary became due; or when the reserving club has failed to tender to any player, on or before the 1st day of March, after such reservation, a formal contract, with a salary of at least such an amount per month as the Board may fix as the minimum salary to be paid to such player, or when any such reserving club has transferred its membership after the close of a championship season to a different association, if the Board shall deem that the player will be prejudiced by such transfer.

11. When a player under contract or reservation by any club of an association party hereto shall be expelled, suspended or rendered ineligible, in accordance with the rules of such association, notice of such disqualification shall be given to the said Board by the secretary of the association from whose club the player may have been thus disqualified, and the Board shall forthwith give notice of such disqualification to the several clubs acting under this Agreement. When a player shall become ineligible under the provisions of this Agreement, or by order of the Board, the secretary of the Board shall notify the several clubs acting under this agreement of such disqualification. From the receipt of any such notice all club members of associations acting under this Agreement shall be debarred from employing or playing with or against such disqualified player until the period of disqualification shall have terminated or the disqualification be revoked by the association from which such player was disqualified, or by the Board, and due notice of such revocation shall be given by the Board to the said several clubs.

12. Any player, who has entered into a contract with any club of any association party hereto, may be suspended without pay or fined by such club or association for breach of contract or breach of any of the rules of such club or association, and he shall thereafter be ineligible to sign or play during the remainder of the current season with any of the clubs of any associations acting hereunder, unless such disability shall have been sooner removed by the club or association by which he was suspended, or by the Board.

THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL ASSOCIATIONS.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

CHAS. H. BYRNE, Chairman, Eastern Base Ball Park, Brooklyn, N. Y.

N. E. YOUNG, Secretary and Treasurer, Box 536, Washington, D. C.

ZACK PHELPS, Louisville, Ky.

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The following rules and regulations have been adopted by the National Board of Professional Base Ball Associations and are here given in order that they may be understood by all those interested. The same being adopted and to remain in force until repealed, altered, added to, or amended.

THE CHAIRMAN.

1. The duties of the Chairman shall be as follows:

a. To issue calls for meetings of the Board and preside at such meetings, having all powers with reference thereto which are incident to a presiding officer.

b. To rule upon and decide all incidental and routine matters presented for determination, with power to delegate this duty to the Secretary or any member of the Board.

c. To supervise the performance of the duties imposed upon the other members of the Board.

d. To see that each and all of the orders of this Board are complied with.

THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

2. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one and the same person, and the duties of such officer shall be as follows:

a. To receive, receipt for and disburse all moneys payable to this Board, and to make all financial statements required by the provisions of the National Agreement.

b. To keep the records of the proceedings of the Board, together with all the records required to be kept by the provisions of the National Agreement.

c. To issue all notices required by the National Agreement to be issued.

d. To give interpretation to the playing rules when requested so to do, pursuant to the provisions of the National Agreement.

e. To receive all applications for membership under the National Agreement, and to see that the applicants pay their proper dues.

f. To give notice of all fines and penalties imposed by the Board, and to see that the same are paid.

g. To attend to such other matters as may be required of him by the Board and to keep records of all the business and duties connected with the Board.

ELECTIONS.

The Chairman and the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually, at some meeting after the first of January, and shall hold until their successors are elected and qualify.

OPINIONS AND DECISIONS.

Whenever any controversy or matter to be submitted to the Board for adjustment or decision shall be forwarded, together with all evidence and documents therewith connected, to the Secretary and Treasurer, he shall, after submitting the same to the Board, promulgate or publish the opinion which must be prepared by the Chairman or such other member of the Board as he shall designate.

SELECTION OF PLAYERS.

Whenever any player shall be 'selected' by more than one club, the Board will award him to the club which shall have first filed formal notice with the Secretary that it desires the services of said player. Such notice, however, must be accompanied by the deposit required by the provisions of the National Agreement, otherwise such notice will be of no effect and void. A player so awarded shall be ineligible to sign with any other club, and upon declining to abide by the decisions of the Board, may be included in the regular list of reserved players of the club selecting him as per the provisions of Section 9 of the National Agreement.

ACCEPTED PLAYERS.

Whenever the services of any player released under the provisions of the National Agreement are accepted by any club or association, authorized so to do by the provisions of such agreement, notice thereof shall be at once given to the Secretary, who shall accordingly promulgate the fact.

PAYMENTS.

All expenses of the Board, including compensation to the Secretary and Treasurer, or any other officer or member of the Board for special work performed, telegraphing, postage, and such other expenses as shall be allowed, must be paid by check of the Secretary and Treasurer and vouchers taken therefor, which vouchers shall be submitted at least once a year to the Board for examination and approval.

NATIONAL PLAYING RULES

—OF—

Professional Base Ball Clubs.

AS ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL ASSOCIATIONS IN 1891—THIS CODE GOVERNING ALL CLUBS PARTIES TO THE NATIONAL AGREEMENT AS REVISED IN 1891.

THE BALL GROUND.

RULE 1. The Ground must be an inclosed field, sufficient in size to enable each player to play in his position as required by these Rules.

RULE 2. The Infield must be a space of ground thirty yards square.

THE BASES.

RULE 3. The Bases must be

SEC. 1. Four in number, and designated as First Base, Second Base, Third Base and Home Base.

SEC. 2. The Home Base must be of whitened rubber twelve inches square, so fixed in the ground as to be even with the surface, and so placed in the corner of the infield that two of its sides will form part of the boundaries of said infield.

SEC. 3. The First, Second and Third Bases must be canvas bags, fifteen inches square, painted white, and filled with some soft material, and so placed that the center of the second base shall be upon its corner of the infield, and the center of the first and third bases shall be on the lines running to and from second base and seven and one-half inches from the foul lines, providing that each base shall be entirely within the foul lines.

SEC. 4. All the bases must be securely fastened in their positions, and so placed as to be distinctly seen by the Umpire.

THE FOUL LINES.

RULE 4. The Foul Lines must be drawn in straight lines from the outer corner of the Home Base, along the outer edge of the First and Third Bases, to the boundaries of the Ground.

THE POSITION LINES.

RULE 5. The Pitcher's Lines must be straight lines forming

the boundaries of a space of ground, in the infield, five and one-half feet long by four feet wide, distant fifty feet from the center of the Home Base, and so placed that the five and one-half feet lines would each be two feet distant from and parallel with a straight line passing through the center of the Home and Second Bases. Each corner of this space must be marked by a flat round rubber plate six inches in diameter, fixed in the ground even with the surface.

RULE 6. The Catcher's Lines must be drawn from the outer corner of the Home Base, in continuation of the Foul Lines, straight to the limits of the Ground back of Home Base.

RULE 7. The Captain's or Coacher's Line must be a line fifteen feet from and parallel with the Foul Lines, said lines commencing at a line parallel with and seventy-five feet distant from the Catcher's Lines, and running thence to the limits of the grounds.

RULE 8. The Player's Lines must be drawn from the Catcher's Lines to the limits of the Ground, fifty feet distant from and parallel with, the foul lines.

RULE 9. The Batsman's Lines must be straight lines forming the boundaries of a space on the right, and of a similar space on the left of the Home Base, six feet long by four feet wide, extending three feet in front of and three feet behind the center of the Home Base, and with its nearest line distant six inches from the Home Base.

RULE 10. The Three Feet Lines must be drawn as follows: From a point on the Foul Line from Home Base to First Base, and equally distant from such bases, shall be drawn a line on Foul Ground, at a right angle to said Foul Line, and to a point three feet distant from it; thence running parallel with said Foul Line, to a point three feet distant from the First Base; thence in a straight line to the Foul Line, and thence upon the Foul Line to point of beginning.

RULE 11. The lines designated in Rules 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 must be marked with chalk or other suitable material, so as to be distinctly seen by the Umpire. They must all be so marked their entire length, except the Captain's and Player's Lines, which must be so marked for a distance of at least thirty-five yards from the Catcher's Lines.

THE BALL.

RULE 12. The Ball:*

SEC. I. Must not weigh less than five or more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference.

*The Spalding League Ball has been adopted by the National League for the past twelve years, and is used in all League contests.

The Spalding League Ball or the Reach American Association Ball must be used in all games played under these rules.

SEC. 2. For each championship game two balls shall be furnished by the Home Club to the Umpire for use. When the ball in play is batted over the fence or stands, on to foul ground out of sight of the players, the other ball shall be immediately put into play by the Umpire. As often as one of the two in use shall be lost, a new one must be substituted, so that the Umpire shall at all times after the game begins, have two for use. The moment the Umpire delivers a new or alternate ball to the pitcher it comes into play, and shall not be exchanged until it, in turn, passes out of sight on to foul ground. At no time shall the ball be intentionally discolored by rubbing it with the soil or otherwise.

SEC. 3. In all games the ball or balls played with shall be furnished by the Home Club, and the last ball in play becomes the property of the winning club. Each ball to be used in championship games shall be examined, measured and weighed by the Secretary of the Association, inclosed in a paper box and sealed with the seal of the Secretary, which seal shall not be broken except by the Umpire in the presence of the Captains of the two contesting nines after play has been called.

SEC. 4. Should the ball become out of shape, or cut or ripped so as to expose the yarn, or in any way so injured as to be—in the opinion of the Umpire—unfit for fair use, the Umpire, on being appealed to by either Captain, shall at once put the alternate ball into play and call for a new one.

THE BAT.

RULE 13. The Bat.

SEC. 1. Must be made wholly of wood, except that the handle may be wound with twine, or a granulated substance applied, not to exceed eighteen inches from the end.

SEC. 2. It must be round, except that a portion of the surface may be flat on one side, but it must not exceed two and one-half inches in diameter in the thickest part, and must not exceed forty-two inches in length.

THE PLAYERS AND THEIR POSITIONS.

RULE 14. The players of each club in a game shall be nine in number, one of whom shall act as Captain, and in no case shall less than nine men be allowed to play on each side.

RULE 15. The player's positions shall be such as may be assigned them by their Captain, except that the Pitcher must take his position within the Pitcher's Lines, as defined in Rule 5. When in position on the field, all players will be designated "Fielders" in these rules.

RULE 16. Players in uniform shall not be permitted to seat themselves among the spectators.

RULE 17. Every Club shall be required to adopt uniforms for its players, and each player shall be required to present himself upon the field during said game in a neat and cleanly condition, but no player shall attach anything to the sole or heel of his shoes other than the ordinary base ball shoe plate.

THE PITCHER'S POSITION.

RULE 18. The pitcher shall take his position facing the batsman with both feet square on the ground, one foot on the rear line of the "box." He shall not raise either foot, unless in the act of delivering the ball, nor make more than one step in such delivery. He shall hold the ball, before the delivery, fairly in front of his body, and in sight of the Umpire. When the pitcher feigns to throw the ball to a base he must resume the above position and pause momentarily before delivering the ball to the bat.

THE BATSMEN'S POSITION—ORDER OF BATTING.

RULE 19. The batsmen must take their positions within the Batsmen's Lines, as defined in Rule 9, in the order in which they are named on the *score*, which must contain the batting order of both nines, and be submitted by the Captains of the opposing teams to the Umpire before the game, and when approved by him THIS SCORE must be followed except in the case of a substitute player, in which case the substitute must take the place of the original player in the batting order. After the first inning the first striker in each inning shall be the batsman whose name follows that of the last man who has completed his turn—time at bat—in the preceding inning.

RULE 20. SEC. 1. When their side goes to the bat the players must immediately return to and seat themselves upon the players' bench and remain there until the side is put out, except when batsman or base runner. All bats not in use must be kept in the bat racks, and the two players next succeeding the batsman, in the order in which they are named on the score, must be ready with bat in hand to promptly take position as batsman; provided, that the Captain and one assistant only may occupy the space between the players' lines and the Captain's lines to coach base runners.

SEC. 2. No player of the side at bat, except when Batsman, shall occupy any portion of the space within the Catcher's Lines, as defined in Rule 6. The triangular space behind the Home Base is reserved for the exclusive use of the Umpire, Catcher and Batsman, and the Umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball is in the hands of, or passing between, the Pitcher and Catcher, while standing in their positions.

SEC. 3. The players of the side "at bat" must occupy the portion of the field allotted them, but must speedily vacate any portion thereof that may be in the way of the ball, or of any Fielder attempting to catch or field it.

PLAYERS' BENCHES.

RULE 21. The Players' Benches must be furnished by the home club, and placed upon a portion of the ground outside of, and not nearer than twenty-five feet to, the Players' Lines. They must be twelve feet in length, and must be immovably fastened to the ground. At the end of each bench must be immovably fixed a bat rack, with fixtures for holding twenty bats; one such rack must be designated for the exclusive use of the Visiting Club, and the other for the exclusive use of the Home Club.

THE GAME.

RULE 22. SEC. 1. Every Championship Game must be commenced not later than two hours before sunset.

SEC. 2. A Game shall consist of nine innings to each contesting nine, except that,

(a) If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other side has scored in eight innings, the game shall then terminate.

(b) If the side last at bat in the ninth inning scores the winning run before the third man is out, the game shall terminate.

A TIE GAME.

RULE 23. If the score be a tie at the end of nine innings to each side, play shall only be continued until the side first at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the other side, in an equal number of innings, or until the other side shall score one or more runs than the side first at bat.

A DRAWN GAME.

RULE 24. A Drawn Game shall be declared by the Umpire when he terminates a game on account of darkness or rain, after five equal innings have been played, if the score at the time is equal on the last even innings played; but if the side that went second to bat is then at the bat, and has scored the same number of runs as the other side, the Umpire shall declare the game drawn without regard to the score of the last equal innings.

A CALLED GAME.

RULE 25. If the Umpire calls "Game" on account of darkness or rain at any time after five innings have been completed, the score shall be that of the last equal innings played, unless the side second at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the side first at bat, in which case the score of the game shall be the total number of runs made

A FORFEITED GAME.

RULE 26. A forfeited game shall be declared by the Umpire in favor of the club not in fault, at the request of such club, in the following cases:

SEC. 1. If the nine of a club fail to appear upon a field, or being upon the field, fail to begin the game within five minutes after the Umpire has called "Play," at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game, unless such delay in appearing or in commencing the game be unavoidable.

SEC. 2. If, after the game has begun, one side refuses or fails to continue playing, unless such game has been suspended or terminated by the Umpire.

SEC. 3. If, after play has been suspended by the Umpire, one side fails to resume playing within *one minute* after the Umpire has called "Play."

SEC. 4. If a team resorts to dilatory practices in order to gain time for the purpose of having the game called on account of darkness or rain, or for any other reason whatsoever.

SEC. 5. If, in the opinion of the Umpire, any one of these rules is wilfully violated.

SEC. 6. If, after ordering the removal of a player, as authorized by Rule 57, Sec. 5, said order is not obeyed within five minutes.

SEC. 7. In case the Umpire declares a game forfeited, he shall transmit a written notice thereof to the President of the Association within twenty-four hours thereafter.

NO GAME.

RULE 27. "No Game" shall be declared by the Umpire if he shall terminate play on account of rain or darkness, before five innings on each side are completed except in a case when the game is called, the club second at bat shall have more runs at the end of its fourth inning than the club first at bat has made in its five innings, then the Umpire shall award the game to the club having made the greatest number of runs, and it shall be a game and be so counted in the Championship record.

SUBSTITUTES.

RULE 28. SEC. 1. In every championship game each team shall be required to have present on the field, in uniform, one or more substitute players.

SEC. 2. Any such player may be substituted at any time by either club, but no player thereby retired shall thereafter participate in the game.

SEC. 3. The Base Runner shall not have a substitute run for him, except by consent of the Captains of the contesting teams.

CHOICE OF INNINGS—CONDITION OF GROUND.

RULE 29. The choice of innings shall be given to the Captain of the Home Club, who shall also be the sole judge of the fitness of the ground for beginning a game after rain.

THE DELIVERY OF THE BALL.—FAIR AND UNFAIR BALLS.

RULE 30. A Fair Ball is a ball delivered by the Pitcher while standing wholly within the lines of his position, and facing the Batsman, the ball, so delivered, to pass over the Home Base, not lower than the Batsman's knee, nor higher than his shoulder, provided a ball so delivered that touches the bat of the Batsman in his position shall be considered a batted ball, and in play.

RULE 31. An Unfair Ball is a ball delivered by the Pitcher, as in Rule 30, except that the ball does not pass over the Home Base, or does pass over the Home Base, above the Batsman's shoulder or below the knee.

BALKING

RULE 32 A Balk is

SEC. 1. Any motion made by the Pitcher to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it, and shall be held to include any and every accustomed motion with the hands, arms or feet, or position of the body assumed by the Pitcher in his delivery of the ball and any motion calculated to deceive a base runner, except the ball be accidentally dropped.

SEC. 2 The holding of the ball by the Pitcher so long as to delay the game unnecessarily; or

SEC. 3. Any motion to deliver the ball, or the delivering the ball to the bat by the Pitcher when any part of his person is upon ground outside of the lines of his position, including all preliminary motions with the hands, arms, and feet.

DEAD BALLS.

RULE 33. A Dead Ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the Pitcher that touches the Batsman's bat without being struck at, or any part of the Batsman's person or clothing while standing in his position without being struck at; or any part of the Umpire's person or clothing, while on foul ground, without first passing the Catcher.

RULE 34. In case of a Foul Strike, Foul Hit ball not legally caught out, Dead Ball, or Base Runner put out for being struck by a fair hit ball, the ball shall not be considered in play until it is held by the Pitcher standing in his position.

BLOCK BALLS.

RULE 35. SEC. 1. A Block is a batted or thrown ball that is stopped or handled by any person not engaged in the game.

SEC. 2. Whenever a Block occurs the Umpire shall declare it, and Base Runners may run the bases, without being put out, until the ball has been returned to and held by the Pitcher standing in his position.

SEC. 3. In the case of a Block, if the person not engaged in the game should retain possession of the ball, or throw or kick it beyond the reach of the Fielders the Umpire should call "Time," and require each Base Runner to stop at the last base touched by

him until the ball be returned to the Pitcher standing in his position.

THE SCORING OF RUNS.

RULE 36. One Run shall be scored every time a Base Runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall touch the Home Base before three men are put out by (exception) If the third man is forced out, or is put out before reaching First Base, a run shall not be scored.

THE BATTING RULES.

RULE 37. A Fair Hit is a ball batted by the batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, the First Base, the Third Base, any part of the person of a player, Umpire or any object in front of or on the Foul Lines, or batted directly to the ground by the Batsman, standing in his position. that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls within the Foul Lines, between Home and First, or Home and Third Bases, without interference by a player.

RULE 38. A Foul Hit is a ball batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, any part of the person of a player, or any object behind either of the Foul Lines, or that strikes the person of such Batsman, while standing in his position, or batted directly to the ground by the Batsman, standing in his position, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls outside the Foul Lines, between Home and First or Home and Third Bases without interference by a player. Provided, that a Foul Hit not rising above the Batsman's head and caught by the Catcher playing within ten feet of the Home Base, shall be termed a Foul Tip.

BALLS BATTED OUTSIDE THE GROUNDS.

RULE 39. When a batted ball passes outside the grounds, the Umpire shall decide it Fair should it disappear within, or Foul should it disappear outside of the range of the Foul Lines, and Rules 37 and 38 are to be construed accordingly.

RULE 40. A Fair batted ball that goes over the fence shall entitle the Batsman to a home run, except that should it go over the fence at a less distance than two hundred and thirty-five feet from the Home Base, when he shall be entitled to two bases, and a distinctive line shall be marked on the fence at this point.

STRIKES.

RULE 41. A Strike is

SEC. 1. A ball struck at by the Batsman without its touching his bat; or

SEC. 2. A Fair Ball legally delivered by the Pitcher, but not struck at by the Batsman.

SEC. 3. Any obvious attempt to make a Foul Hit.

RULE 42. A Foul Strike is a ball batted by the Batsman when any part of his person is upon ground outside the lines of the Batsman's position.

THE BATSMAN IS OUT.

RULE 43. The Batsman is out:

SEC. 1. If he fails to take his position at the bat in his order of batting, unless the error be discovered and the proper Batsman takes his position before a fair hit has been made; and in such case the balls and strikes called must be counted in the time at bat of the proper Batsman. *Provided*, this rule shall not take effect unless *the out* is declared before the ball is delivered to the succeeding Batsman.

SEC. 2. If he fails to take his position within one minute after the Umpire has called for the Batsman.

SEC. 3. If he makes a Foul Hit, other than a Foul Tip as defined in Rule 38, and the ball be momentarily held by a Fielder before touching the ground, provided it be not caught in a Fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than a Fielder, before being caught.

SEC. 4. If he makes a Foul Strike.

SEC. 5. If he attempts to hinder the Catcher from fielding or throwing the ball, by stepping outside the lines of his position, or otherwise obstructing or interfering with that player.

SEC. 6. If, while the First Base be occupied by a base runner, three strikes be called on him by the Umpire, except when two men are already out.

SEC. 7. If, while making the third strike, the ball hits his person or clothing.

SEC. 8. If, after two strikes have been called, the Batsman obviously attempts to make a foul hit, as in Section 3, Rule 41.

BASE RUNNING RULES.

WHEN THE BATSMAN BECOMES A BASE RUNNER.

RULE 44. The Batsman becomes a base runner:

SECTION 1. Instantly after he makes a Fair Hit.

SEC. 2. Instantly after four balls have been called by the Umpire.

SEC. 3. Instantly after three strikes have been declared by the Umpire.

SEC. 4. If, while he be a Batsman, his person—excepting hands or forearm, which makes it a dead ball—or clothing be hit by a ball from the Pitcher, unless—in the opinion of the Umpire—he intentionally permits himself to be so hit.

SEC. 5. Instantly after an illegal delivery of a ball by the Pitcher.

BASES TO BE TOUCHED.

RULE 45. The Base Runner must touch each base in regular order, viz., First, Second, Third and Home Bases; and when

obliged to return (except on a foul hit) must retouch the base or bases in reverse order. He shall only be considered as holding a base after touching it, and shall then be entitled to hold such base until he has legally touched the next base in order, or has been legally forced to vacate it for a succeeding Base Runner.

ENTITLED TO BASES.

RULE 46. The Base Runner shall be entitled, without being put out, to take the Base in the following cases:

SEC. 1. If, while he was Batsman, the Umpire called four Balls.

SEC. 2. If the Umpire awards a succeeding Batsman a base on four balls, or for being hit with a pitched ball, or in case of an illegal delivery—as in Rule 44, Sec. 4—and the Base Runner is thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.

SEC. 3. If the Umpire calls a "balk."

SEC. 4. If a ball delivered by the Pitcher pass the Catcher and touch the Umpire or any fence or building within ninety feet of the Home Base.

SEC. 5. If upon a fair hit the Ball strikes the person or clothing of the Umpire on fair ground.

SEC. 6. If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of an adversary.

SEC. 7. If the Fielder stop or catch a batted ball with his hat, or any part of his dress.

RETURNING TO BASES.

RULE 47. The Base Runner shall return to his Base, and shall be entitled to so return without being put out.

SEC. 1. If the Umpire declares a Foul Tip (as defined in Rule 38) or any other Foul Hit not legally caught by a Fielder.

SEC. 2. If the Umpire declares a Foul Strike.

SEC. 3. If the Umpire declares a Dead Ball, unless it be also the fourth Unfair Ball, and he be thereby forced to take the next base, as provided in Rule 46, Sec. 2.

SEC. 4. If the person or clothing of the Umpire interferes with the Catcher, or he is struck by a ball thrown by the Catcher to intercept a Base Runner.

WHEN BASE RUNNERS ARE OUT.

RULE 48. The Base Runner is out:

SEC. 1. If, after three strikes have been declared against him while Batsman, and the Catcher fail to catch the third strike ball, he plainly attempts to hinder the Catcher from fielding the ball.

SEC. 2. If, having made a Fair Hit while Batsman, such fair hit ball be momentarily held by a Fielder, before touching the ground or any object other than a Fielder: *Provided*, it be not caught in a Fielder's hat or cap.

SEC. 3. If, when the Umpire has declared three strikes on him, while Batsman, the third strike ball be momentarily held by a Fielder before touching the ground: *Provided*, it be not caught in a Fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than a Fielder, before being caught.

SEC. 4. If, after Three Strikes or a Fair Hit, he be touched with the ball in the hand of a Fielder *before* he shall have touched First Base.

SEC. 5. If, after Three Strikes or a Fair Hit, the ball be securely held by a Fielder, while touching First Base with any part of his person, *before* such Base Runner touches First Base.

SEC. 6. If, in running the last half of the distance from Home Base to First Base, while the ball is being fielded to First Base, he runs outside the Three Feet Lines, as defined in Rule 10, unless to avoid a Fielder, attempting to field a Batted Ball.

SEC. 7. If, in running from First to Second Base, from Second to Third Base, or from Third to Home Base he runs more than three feet from a direct line between such bases to avoid being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder; but in case a Fielder be occupying the Base Runner's proper path, attempting to field a batted ball, then the Base Runner shall run out of the path, and behind said Fielder, and shall not be declared out for so doing.

SEC. 8. If he fails to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, in the manner described in Sections 6 and 7 of this Rule; or if he in any way obstructs a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, or intentionally interferes with a thrown ball. *Provided*, That if two or more Fielders attempt to field a batted ball, and the Base Runner comes in contact with one or more of them, the Umpire shall determine which Fielder is entitled to the benefit of this Rule, and shall not decide the Base Runner out for coming in contact with any other Fielder.

SEC. 9. If, at any time while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder, unless some part of his person is touching a base he is entitled to occupy: *Provided*, The ball be held by the Fielder after touching him; but (exception as to First Base), in running to First Base, he may overrun said base without being put out for being off said base, after first touching it, provided he returns at once and retouches the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If, in overrunning First Base, he also attempts to run to Second Base, or, after passing the base he turns to his left from the foul line, he shall forfeit such exemption from being put out.

SEC. 10. If, when a Fair or Foul Hit ball (other than a foul tip as referred to in Rule 38) is legally caught by a Fielder such

ball is legally held by a Fielder on the Base occupied by the Base Runner when such ball was struck (or the Base Runner be touched with the ball in the hands of a Fielder), before he retouches said base after such Fair or Foul Hit ball was so caught. *Provided*, That the Base Runner shall not be out in such case, if, after the ball was legally caught as above, it be delivered to the bat by the Pitcher before the Fielder holds it on said base, or touches the Base Runner with it; but if the Base Runner in attempting to reach a base, detaches it before being touched or forced out, he shall be declared safe.

SEC. 11. If, when a Batsman becomes a Base Runner, the First Base, or the First and Second Bases, or the First, Second and Third Bases, be occupied, any Base Runner so occupying a base shall cease to be entitled to hold it, until any following Base Runner is put out and may be put out at the next base or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder in the same manner as in running to First Base, at any time before any following Base Runner is put out.

SEC. 12. If a Fair Hit ball strike him *before touching the fielder*, and in such case no base shall be run unless forced by the Batsman becoming a Base Runner, and no run shall be scored, or any other Base Runner put out.

SEC. 13. If, when running to a base or forced to return to a base, he fail to touch the intervening base or bases if any, in the order prescribed in Rule 45, he may be put out at the base he fails to touch, or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder, in the same manner as in running to First Base.

SEC. 14. If, when the Umpire calls 'Play,' after any suspension of a game, he fails to return to and touch the base he occupied when "Time" was called before touching the next base.

WHEN BATSMAN OR BASE RUNNER IS OUT.

RULE 49. The Umpire shall declare the Batsman or Base Runner out, without waiting for an appeal for such decision, in all cases where such player is put out in accordance with these rules, except as provided in Rule 48, Sections 10 and 14.

COACHING RULES.

RULE 50. The Coachers are restricted to coaching the Base Runner only, and are not allowed to address any remarks except to the Base Runner, and then only in words of necessary direction; and shall not use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon a player of the opposing club, or the spectators, and not more than two coachers, who may be one player participating in the game and any other player under contract to it, in the uniform of either club, shall be allowed at any one time. To enforce the above, the Captain of the oppo-

site side may call the attention of the Umpire to the offense, and upon a repetition of the same the club shall be debarred from further coaching during the game.

THE UMPIRE.

RULE 51. The Umpire shall not be changed during the progress of a game, except for reason of illness or injury.

HIS POWERS AND JURISDICTION.

RULE 52. SEC. 1. The Umpire is master of the Field from the commencement to the termination of the game, and is entitled to the respect of the spectators, and any person offering any insult or indignity to him must be promptly ejected from the grounds.

SEC. 2. He must be invariably addressed by the players as Mr. Umpire; and he must compel the players to observe the provisions of all the Playing Rules, and he is hereby invested with authority to order any player to do or omit to do any act as he may deem necessary, to give force and effect to any and all of such provisions.

SPECIAL DUTIES.

RULE 53. The Umpire's duties shall be as follows:

SEC. 1. The Umpire is the sole and absolute judge of play. In no instance shall any person be allowed to question the correctness of any decision made by him on a play, and no player shall leave his position in the field, his place at the bat, on the bases or players' bench, to approach or address the Umpire, except on an interpretation of the playing rules, and only that shall be done by the Captains of the contending nines. No Manager or any other officer of either club shall be permitted to go on the field or address the Umpire, under a penalty of a forfeiture of a game.

SEC. 2. Before the commencement of a Game, the Umpire shall see that the rules governing all the materials of the game are strictly observed. He shall ask the Captain of the Home Club whether there are any special ground rules to be enforced, and if there are, he shall see that they are duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any of these rules. He shall also secure from the Captains of the contesting teams their respective batting orders, which, upon approval, shall be followed as provided in Rule 19.

SEC. 3. The Umpire must keep the contesting nines playing constantly from the commencement of the game to its termination, allowing such delays only as are rendered unavoidable by accident, injury or rain. He must, until the completion of the game, require the players of each side to promptly take their positions in the field as soon as the third man is put out, and must require the first striker of the opposite side to be in his position at the bat as soon as the fielders are in their places.

SEC. 4. The Umpire shall count and call every "unfair ball" delivered by the Pitcher, and every "dead ball," if also an unfair ball, as a "ball," and he shall also count and call every "strike." Neither a "ball" nor a "strike" shall be counted or called until the ball has passed the Home Base. He shall also declare every "Dead Ball," "Block," "Foul Hit," "Foul Strike," and "Balk."

RULE 54. For the special benefit of the patrons of the game, and because the offences specified are under his immediate jurisdiction, and not subject to appeal by players, the attention of the Umpire is particularly directed to possible violations of the purpose and spirit of the Rules, of the following character:

SEC. 1. Laziness or loafing of players in taking their places in the field, or those allotted them by the Rules when their side is at the bat, and especially any failure to keep the bats in the racks provided for them; to be ready to take position as Batsmen and to remain upon the Players' Bench, except when otherwise required by the Rules.

SEC. 2. Any attempt by players of the side at bat, by calling to a Fielder, other than the one designated by his Captain, to field a ball, or by any other equally disreputable means seeking to disconcert a Fielder.

SEC. 3. The Rules make a marked distinction between hindrance of an adversary in fielding a batted or thrown ball. This has been done to rid the game of the childish excuses and claims formerly made by a Fielder failing to hold a ball to put out a Base Runner. But there may be cases of a Base Runner so flagrantly violating the spirit of the Rules and of the Game in obstructing a Fielder from fielding a thrown ball that it would become the duty of the Umpire, not only to declare the Base Runner "out" (and to compel Base Runners to return to the bases last held by them), but also to impose a heavy fine upon him. For example: If the Base Runner plainly strike at the ball while passing him, to prevent its being caught by a Fielder; if he holds a Fielder's arms so as to disable him from catching the ball, or if he run against or knock the Fielder down for the same purpose.

CALLING "PLAY" AND "TIME."

RULE 55. The Umpire must call "Play," promptly at the hour designated by the Home Club, and on the call of "Play" the game must immediately begin. When he calls "Time," play shall be suspended until he calls "Play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run or run be scored. The Umpire shall suspend play only for an accident to himself or a player (but in case of accident to a Fielder, "Time" shall not be called until the ball be returned to and held by the Pitcher, standing in his position), or in case rain falls so heavily that the spectators are compelled, by the severity of the storm, to seek shelter,

in which case he shall note the time of suspension, and should such rain continue to fall thirty minutes thereafter, he shall terminate the game; or to enforce order in case of annoyance from spectators.

RULE 56. The Umpire is only allowed, by the Rules, to call "Time" in case of an accident to himself or a player, a "Block," as referred to in Rule 35, Sec. 3, or in case of rain, as defined by the Rules. The practice of players suspending the game to discuss or contest a decision with the Umpire, is a gross violation of the Rules, and the Umpire must promptly fine any player who interrupts the game in this manner.

INFLECTING FINES.

RULE 57. The Umpire is empowered to inflict fines of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00 for the first offence on players during the progress of a game, as follows:

SEC. 1. For indecent or improper language addressed to the audience, the Umpire, or any player.

SEC. 2. For the Captain or Coacher wilfully failing to remain within the legal bounds of his position, except upon an appeal by the Captain from the Umpire's decision upon a misinterpretation of the rules.

SEC. 3. For the disobedience by a player of any other of his orders or for any other violation of these Rules.

SEC. 4. In case the Umpire imposes a fine on a player, he shall at once notify the Captain of the offending player's side, and shall transmit a written notice thereof to the President of the Association or League within twenty-four hours thereafter, under the penalty of having said fine taken from his own salary.

SEC. 5. A repetition of any of the above offences shall, at the discretion of the Umpire, subject the offender either to a repetition of the fine or to removal from the field, and the immediate substitution of another player then in uniform.

FIELD RULES.

RULE 58. No Club shall allow open betting or pool selling upon its grounds, nor in any building owned or occupied by it.

RULE 59. No person shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of the game, in addition to the players in uniform, the Manager on each side and the Umpire; except such officers of the law as may be present in uniform, and such officials of the Home Club as may be necessary to preserve the peace.

RULE 60. No Umpire, Manager, Captain or player shall address the spectators during the progress of a game, except in case of necessary explanation.

RULE 61. Every Club shall furnish sufficient police force upon its own ground to preserve order, and in the event of a crowd enter-

ing the field during the progress of a game, and interfering with the play in any manner, the Visiting Club may refuse to play further until the field be cleared. If the ground be not cleared within fifteen minutes thereafter, the Visiting Club may claim, and shall be entitled to, the game by a score of nine runs to none (no matter what number of innings have been played.)

GENERAL DEFINITIONS.

RULE 62. "Play" is the order of the Umpire to begin the game, or to resume play after its suspension.

RULE 63. "Time" is the order of the Umpire to suspend play. Such suspension must not extend beyond the day of the game.

RULE 64. "Game" is the announcement by the Umpire that the game is terminated.

RULE 65. "An Inning" is the term at bat of the nine players representing a Club in a game, and is completed when three of such players have been put out as provided in these rules.

RULE 66. "A Time at Bat" is the term at bat of a Batsman. It begins when he takes his position, and continues until he is put out or becomes a base runner; except when, because of being hit by a pitched ball, or in case of an illegal delivery by the Pitcher, as in Rule 44.

RULE 67. "Legal" or "Legally" signifies as required by these Rules.

SCORING.

RULE 68. In order to promote Uniformity in Scoring Championship Games the following instructions, suggestions and definitions are made for the benefit of scorers, and they are required to make all scores in accordance therewith.

BATTING.

SEC. 1. The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during the game. The time or times when the player has been sent to base by being hit by a pitched ball, by the Pitcher's illegal delivery, or by a base on balls, shall not be included in this column.

SEC. 2. In the second column should be set down the runs made by each player.

SEC. 3. In the third column should be placed the first base hits made by each player. A base hit should be scored in the following cases:

When the ball from the bat strikes the ground within the foul lines, and out of reach of the Fielders.

When a hit ball is partially or wholly stopped by a Fielder in motion, but such player cannot recover himself in time to handle the ball before the striker reaches First Base.

When a hit ball is hit so sharply to an infielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the Batsman. In case of doubt over this class of hits, score a base hit, and exempt the Fielder from the charge of an error.

When a ball is hit so slowly toward a Fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the Batsman.

That in all cases where a Base Runner is retired by being hit by a batted ball, the Batsman should be credited with a base hit.

When a batted ball hits the person or clothing of the Umpire, as defined in Rule 37.

SEC. 4. In the fourth column shall be placed Sacrifice hits, which shall be credited to the Batsman, who, when but one man is out advances a Runner a base on a fly to the outfield or a ground hit, which results in putting out the Batsman, or would so result if handled without error.

FIELDING.

SEC. 5. The number of opponents put out by each player shall be set down in the fifth column. Where a Batsman is given out by the Umpire for a foul strike, or where the Batsman fails to bat in proper order, the put out shall be scored to the Catcher.

SEC. 6. The number of times the player assists shall be set down in the sixth column. An assist should be given to each player who handles the ball in assisting a run out or other play of the kind.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who could complete the play fails, through no fault of the player assisting.

And generally an assist should be given to each player who handles or assists in any manner in handling the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put out, or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or handles it cleanly, and in such a way that a put-out results, or would result if no error were made by the receiver.

ERRORS.

SEC. 7. An error shall be given in the seventh column for each misplay which allows the striker or base runner to make one or more bases when perfect play would have insured his being put out, except that "wild pitches," "bases on balls," "bases on the batsman being struck by a pitched ball," or case of illegal pitched balls, balks and passed balls, shall not be included in said column. In scoring errors of batted balls see Section 3 of this Rule.

STOLEN BASES.

SEC. 8. Stolen bases shall be scored as follows:

Any attempt to steal a base must go to the credit of the base runner, whether the ball is thrown wild or muffed by the fielder, but any manifest error is to be charged to the fielder making the

same. If the base runner advances another base he shall not be credited with a stolen base, and the fielder allowing the advancement is also to be charged with an error. If a base runner makes a start and a battery error is made, the runner secures the credit of a stolen base, and the battery error is scored against the player making it. Should a base runner overrun a base and then be put out, he shall receive the credit for the stolen base. If a Base Runner advances a base on a fly out, or gains two bases on a single base hit, or an infield out, or attempted out, he shall be credited with a stolen base, provided there is a possible chance and a palpable attempt made to retire him.

EARNED RUNS.

SEC. 9. An earned run shall be scored every time the player reaches the home base unaided by errors before chances have been offered to retire the side.

THE SUMMARY.

RULE 69. The Summary shall contain:

SECTION 1. The number of earned runs made by each side.

SEC. 2. The number of two-base hits made by each player.

SEC. 3. The number of three base hits made by each player.

SEC. 4. The number of home runs made by each player.

SEC. 5. The number of bases stolen by each player.

SEC. 6. The number of double and triple plays made by each side, with the names of the players assisting in the same.

SEC. 7. The number of men given bases on called balls by each Pitcher.

SEC. 8. The number of men given bases from being hit by pitched balls.

SEC. 9. The number of men struck out.

SEC. 10. The number of passed balls by each Catcher.

SEC. 11. The number of wild pitches by each Pitcher.

SEC. 12. The time of game.

SEC. 13. The name of the Umpire.

MEETING OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVES.

A MEETING OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS WAS HELD AT THE BATES HOUSE, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1891, AT 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The object of the meeting was stated by Mr. Byrne to be that of forming a new Professional Base Ball organization. Mr. Byrne also made a full and complete statement of the arduous labors of the committee in effecting a compromise of existing differences, and mak'ng a new and united organization a possibility.

On motion, Mr. A. H. Soden of Boston, was selected as Chairman, and Mr. Frank Elliott of Philadelphia, as Secretary.

On motion of Col. Jno. I. Rogers it was unanimously agreed that the clubs here represented enter into a new organization, and that the several clubs present the names of their respective organizations and the delegates representing them, which were given as follows:

The Brooklyn Ball Club, represented by Chas. H. Byrne, Pres.

The Baltimore Base Ball & Exhibition Co., represented by H. R. Von der Horst, Pres.

The Boston Base Ball Association, represented by A. H. Soden, Pres. and W. H. Conant.

The Chicago Ball Club, represented by Jas. A. Hart, Pres.

The Cincinnati Ball Club, represented by J. T. Brush, Pres.

The Philadelphia Ball Club (Limited), represented by A. J. Reach, Pres. and Col. J. I. Rogers.

The Cleveland Base Ball Co., represented by F. De H. Robinson, Pres. and Geo. W. Howe, Treas.

The Louisville Base Ball Club, represented by T. Geo. Ruckstahl, V.-Pres.

The National Exhibition Co. of New York City, represented by Jno. B. Day, Pres. and J. W. Spalding, Treas.

The Pittsburg Athletic Co., represented by A. K. Scandrett, Sec

The St. Louis Base Ball Association, represented by Chris. Von der Ahe, Pres. and C. Stark.

The National Base Ball Club of Washington, D. C., represented by M. B. Scanlon and T. B. Kalbfus, Sec'y.

Mr. Jno. B Day moved that an informal ballot be taken for the purpose of giving each representative an opportunity to express his preference for a name to be given the new organization. Carried.

After an informal expression of preferences, it was unanimously agreed that the name of the new organization shall be "The National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs."

Mr. Jno. T. Brush, the Chairman of the "Joint Committee" of the National League and American Association, presented, as the report on behalf of the committee, a Constitution which was unanimously adopted and signed by all the club members.

Mr. Brush moved that the organization proceed to the election of officers.

Mr. Chris Von der Ahe nominated Mr. N. E. Young for president and secretary of the new organization, for a term of three years. There being no other nomination—upon motion of Mr. Byrne—Mr. Von der Ahe cast the ballot for Mr. Young, and he was declared unanimously elected.

Mr. Von der Ahe was selected to escort President Young into the room. President Young, upon taking his seat, expressed his thanks for the honor conferred, as well as his pleasure at the happy solution and settlement of former differences, and predicted, for the new organization, a bright and prosperous future.

On motion of Mr. Robison the organization proceeded to the election of directors with the following result:

Jas. A. Hart, Chicago; Chris Von der Ahe, St. Louis; J. T. Brush, Cincinnati; A. H. Soden, Boston; H. R. Von der Horst, Baltimore; F. S. Elliott, Washington.

Upon motion, the President was authorized to appoint Col. Jno. I. Rogers, Judge C. Stark and Jno. T. Brush as a committee of three to prepare a form of contract, and that they be requested to make report at the following morning session.

The President was also authorized to appoint a committee of three to prepare a schedule of payment of sums of money to be

paid the several retiring clubs of the American Association in the adjustment of the settlements agreed upon by the joint committee; also to have prepared the proper obligations, in order to secure the same.

Messrs. Von der Horst, Robison and Soden were appointed as such committee, to be assisted by Col. Jno. I. Rogers.

Upon motion, it was agreed that all the agreements entered into by the joint committee of the National League and American Association, at St. Louis, Dec. 5, 1891, be read before this body, entered upon the minutes, and are hereby fully ratified and adopted.

St. Louis Agreements, Dec 5, 1891. (See Agreements.)

Upon motion, Mr. Zack Phelps of Louisville, Ky., was elected as attorney for the organization, and subsequently the motion was amended to include Col. Jno. I. Rogers of Philadelphia, as additional counsel. Col. Rogers was appointed by the Chair to notify Mr. Phelps and escort him into the room.

On motion, a recess was taken until 12 o'clock noon.

Meeting called to order at 12 o'clock noon, all club representative being present.

On motion, it was unanimously agreed that the championship season should consist of 132 or 154 games and be divided into two series, and that the Schedule Committee be instructed to prepare two schedules.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

Schedule Committee—C. H. Byrne, Chris Von der Ahe, Jas. A. Hart.

Playing Rules Committee—A. J. Reach, H. R. Von der Horst, Jno. T. Brush.

On motion, it was unanimously agreed that a committee be appointed to consider the recommendation of the joint committee, looking to the protection of the minor organizations. On motion the following named gentlemen were selected to constitute such committee: Messrs. Phelps, Rogers and Young.

On motion it was unanimously agreed that each club shall furnish, on its grounds, a suitable dressing room for the exclusive use of visiting clubs.

On motion, the President was authorized and instructed to have, if possible, the name of the new organization copyrighted.

The following motions offered by Mr. Brush were adopted:

That within ten days from this date a list of all players not assigned by the committee, or not claimed by any club, shall be forwarded by the committee to each club member.

That the next meeting of this organization be held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City.

Mr. Robison moved that the notes for payment of obligations be fully executed by the President of this association, and that after their execution a complete list of the same be forwarded to each club member.

It was unanimously agreed that the notes, when signed, shall be turned over to N. E. Young to be held in escrow, and that he be authorized to carry out all agreements with the retiring clubs of the American Association.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to return to Mr. Phelps all moneys advanced by the American Association to Messrs. Gaffney and McQuaid, in case they are selected and engaged as umpires in the new organization.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the President of this organization be authorized and instructed to enter into contract with A. G. Spalding & Bros. to furnish balls for the club members, for a period of five years, with a privilege of renewal for a corresponding period of five years, upon the following terms and conditions, viz.: Said A. G. Spalding & Bros. to furnish gratuitously to said organization one hundred and fifty dozen balls, and to furnish additional quantities required, at their lowest club rates.

On motion, Messrs. Young and Phelps were unanimously appointed and constituted a committee to carry out the recommendation of the committee in relation to the assignment of players, with full power to settle all differences or disputes where the services of a player were desired or claimed by more than one club, by right of agreement or contract.

On motion, the President was duly authorized to levy an extra assessment to meet any notes that may be necessary.

On motion adjourned.

N. E. YOUNG,
President and Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL
BASE BALL CLUBS, HELD AT THE FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL,
NEW YORK CITY, TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1892.

Meeting called to order at 8:40 P. M.

Present:

John B. Day and J. W. Spalding, representing the National
Exhibition Co., of New York City.

Jas. A. Hart representing the Chicago Ball Club.

A. J. Reach and John I. Rogers, representing the Philadel-
phia Ball Club.

W. C. Temple and A. K. Scandrett representing the Pitts-
burgh Athletic Company.

C. H. Byrne and F. A. Abell representing the Brooklyn
Base Ball Club.

J. T. Brush, representing the Cincinnati Base Ball Club.

F. De H. Robison and G. W. Howe representing the Cleve-
land Base Ball Company.

A. H. Soden and W. H. Conant, representing the Boston
Base Ball Association.

Dr. T. Hunt Stucky and J. George Ruchstahl, representing
the Louisville Base Ball Co.

H. R. Von der Horst and Herman Von der Horst, repre-
senting the Baltimore Base Ball and Exhibition Co.

Geo. W. Wagner and F. S. Elliott, representing the Na-
tional Base Ball Club, Washington, D. C.

Chris Von der Ahe, representing the St. Louis Base Ball As-
sociation.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Col. Rogers, as Chairman of Committee on Contracts, sub-
mitted a report which was on motion accepted.

Col. Rogers, as Chairman of the National Agreement Com-
mittee, submitted a report which was, on motion, referred to a
special committee consisting of Messrs. Byrne, Stucky, Day,
Elliott and Howe, with instructions to submit their report at
their earliest convenience.

On motion Mr. Day was accorded the privilege of the floor for the purpose of convincing the League that the New York Club had a legal contract with Dan'l Richardson.

On motion adjourned to meet at 2 P.M. on the following day.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1892.

Meeting called to order at 3 P. M.

The Special Committee to consider the National Agreement submitted their report, and it was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Playing Rules submitted their report, which was unanimously adopted. (See Playing Rules.)

On motion adjourned to meet on the following day.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1892.

Meeting called to order at 12 o'clock noon.

The following named gentlemen were elected to constitute the National Board: N. E. Young, C. H. Byrne and Z. Phelps.

Col. Rogers declined with thanks a nomination as a member of the Board.

On motion the next annual meeting will be held in New York City.

The Schedule Committee submitted their report, and it was unanimously adopted.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Schedule Committee, as well as their able assistants, Messrs. Ebbetts and Munson, for their able and efficient work in preparing a schedule.

It was unanimously agreed that Pittsburgh and Washington be allowed to change games of Labor Day to Pittsburgh, and games of August 15 and 16 to Washington. Also that Baltimore and Pittsburgh be allowed to interchange games as scheduled on Decoration Day and Independence Day.

On motion each club be required to furnish lockers for each visiting player, and that such visiting players be required to furnish locks for such lockers.

On motion the lock manufactured by the Keyless Lock Co., of Cincinnati, O., was recommended for use.

On motion adjourned.

N. E. YOUNG,
President and Secretary.

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The following is an official list of the officers of the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs, and officers and players of clubs, members thereof, for the season of 1892 so far as completed to March, 1892.

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SEASON OF 1892.

FIRST DIVISION—APRIL 12 TO JULY 13.

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Boston	May 14*16 Jun. 21-22	May 17, 18, 19	Apr. 23, 26 Jun. 25*27	Apr. 19, 20 Jun. 28, 29	Apr. 16*18 Jun. 23, 24	Apr. 12, 14, 15	May 11, 12 Jul. 12, 13	May 9, 10 Jul. 1, 2*	May 6, 7* Jun. 4, 4	May 4, 5 Jul. 7, 8	May 2, 3 Jun. 9*, 11	Apr. 29, 3* July 5, 6
Brooklyn	May 14*16 Jun. 21-22	May 17, 18, 19	Apr. 23, 26 Jun. 25*27	Apr. 19, 20 Jun. 28, 29	Apr. 16*18 Jun. 23, 24	Apr. 12, 14, 15	May 11, 12 Jul. 12, 13	May 9, 10 Jul. 1, 2*	May 6, 7* Jun. 4, 4	May 4, 5 Jul. 7, 8	May 2, 3 Jun. 9*, 11	Apr. 29, 3* July 5, 6
New York	May 14*16 Jun. 21-22	May 17, 18, 19	Apr. 23, 26 Jun. 25*27	Apr. 19, 20 Jun. 28, 29	Apr. 16*18 Jun. 23, 24	Apr. 12, 14, 15	May 11, 12 Jul. 12, 13	May 9, 10 Jul. 1, 2*	May 6, 7* Jun. 4, 4	May 4, 5 Jul. 7, 8	May 2, 3 Jun. 9*, 11	Apr. 29, 3* July 5, 6
Philadelphia	May 14*16 Jun. 21-22	May 17, 18, 19	Apr. 23, 26 Jun. 25*27	Apr. 19, 20 Jun. 28, 29	Apr. 16*18 Jun. 23, 24	Apr. 12, 14, 15	May 11, 12 Jul. 12, 13	May 9, 10 Jul. 1, 2*	May 6, 7* Jun. 4, 4	May 4, 5 Jul. 7, 8	May 2, 3 Jun. 9*, 11	Apr. 29, 3* July 5, 6
Baltimore	May 14*16 Jun. 21-22	May 17, 18, 19	Apr. 23, 26 Jun. 25*27	Apr. 19, 20 Jun. 28, 29	Apr. 16*18 Jun. 23, 24	Apr. 12, 14, 15	May 11, 12 Jul. 12, 13	May 9, 10 Jul. 1, 2*	May 6, 7* Jun. 4, 4	May 4, 5 Jul. 7, 8	May 2, 3 Jun. 9*, 11	Apr. 29, 3* July 5, 6
Washington	May 14*16 Jun. 21-22	May 17, 18, 19	Apr. 23, 26 Jun. 25*27	Apr. 19, 20 Jun. 28, 29	Apr. 16*18 Jun. 23, 24	Apr. 12, 14, 15	May 11, 12 Jul. 12, 13	May 9, 10 Jul. 1, 2*	May 6, 7* Jun. 4, 4	May 4, 5 Jul. 7, 8	May 2, 3 Jun. 9*, 11	Apr. 29, 3* July 5, 6
Pittsburgh	May 14*16 Jun. 21-22	May 17, 18, 19	Apr. 23, 26 Jun. 25*27	Apr. 19, 20 Jun. 28, 29	Apr. 16*18 Jun. 23, 24	Apr. 12, 14, 15	May 11, 12 Jul. 12, 13	May 9, 10 Jul. 1, 2*	May 6, 7* Jun. 4, 4	May 4, 5 Jul. 7, 8	May 2, 3 Jun. 9*, 11	Apr. 29, 3* July 5, 6
Cleveland.	May 14*16 Jun. 21-22	May 17, 18, 19	Apr. 23, 26 Jun. 25*27	Apr. 19, 20 Jun. 28, 29	Apr. 16*18 Jun. 23, 24	Apr. 12, 14, 15	May 11, 12 Jul. 12, 13	May 9, 10 Jul. 1, 2*	May 6, 7* Jun. 4, 4	May 4, 5 Jul. 7, 8	May 2, 3 Jun. 9*, 11	Apr. 29, 3* July 5, 6
Cincinnati.	May 14*16 Jun. 21-22	May 17, 18, 19	Apr. 23, 26 Jun. 25*27	Apr. 19, 20 Jun. 28, 29	Apr. 16*18 Jun. 23, 24	Apr. 12, 14, 15	May 11, 12 Jul. 12, 13	May 9, 10 Jul. 1, 2*	May 6, 7* Jun. 4, 4	May 4, 5 Jul. 7, 8	May 2, 3 Jun. 9*, 11	Apr. 29, 3* July 5, 6
Louisville.	May 14*16 Jun. 21-22	May 17, 18, 19	Apr. 23, 26 Jun. 25*27	Apr. 19, 20 Jun. 28, 29	Apr. 16*18 Jun. 23, 24	Apr. 12, 14, 15	May 11, 12 Jul. 12, 13	May 9, 10 Jul. 1, 2*	May 6, 7* Jun. 4, 4	May 4, 5 Jul. 7, 8	May 2, 3 Jun. 9*, 11	Apr. 29, 3* July 5, 6
Chicago	May 14*16 Jun. 21-22	May 17, 18, 19	Apr. 23, 26 Jun. 25*27	Apr. 19, 20 Jun. 28, 29	Apr. 16*18 Jun. 23, 24	Apr. 12, 14, 15	May 11, 12 Jul. 12, 13	May 9, 10 Jul. 1, 2*	May 6, 7* Jun. 4, 4	May 4, 5 Jul. 7, 8	May 2, 3 Jun. 9*, 11	Apr. 29, 3* July 5, 6
St. Louis	May 14*16 Jun. 21-22	May 17, 18, 19	Apr. 23, 26 Jun. 25*27	Apr. 19, 20 Jun. 28, 29	Apr. 16*18 Jun. 23, 24	Apr. 12, 14, 15	May 11, 12 Jul. 12, 13	May 9, 10 Jul. 1, 2*	May 6, 7* Jun. 4, 4	May 4, 5 Jul. 7, 8	May 2, 3 Jun. 9*, 11	Apr. 29, 3* July 5, 6

SECOND DIVISION—JULY 15 TO OCTOBER 15.

CLUBS.	In Boston.	In Brooklyn.	In New York.	In Philadelphia.	In Baltimore.	In Wash'n.	In Pittsb'g.	In Cleve'd.	In Cincl'n'd.	In Louisv'e.	In Chicago.	In St. Louis.
Boston	Aug. 5, 6*	Aug. 11, 12	Sept. 22, 23, 24*	Aug. 10, 11, 13*	Sept. 19, 20, 21	Aug. 8, 9	Aug. 18, 19, 20*	Aug. 15, 16, 17	Aug. 29, 30, 31	Aug. 25, 26, 27*	Sept. 1, 2, 3*	Aug. 22, 23, 24
Brooklyn	Sept. 26, 27, 28	.....	.....	Sept. 19, 20, 21	Aug. 8, 9	Sept. 22, 23, 24*	Aug. 22, 23, 24	Aug. 25, 26, 27*	Sept. 1, 2, 3*	Aug. 29, 30, 31	Aug. 18, 19, 20*	Aug. 15, 16, 17
New York	Aug. 1, 2	Aug. 10, 11, 13*	.....	Aug. 8, 9	Sept. 26, 27, 28	Sept. 19, 20, 21	Aug. 29, 30, 31	Aug. 18, 19, 20*	Aug. 15, 16, 17	Sept. 1, 2, 3*	Aug. 22, 23, 24	Aug. 25, 26, 27*
Philadelphia	July 29, 30*	Aug. 3, 4	Sept. 29, 30	Oct. 14, 15*	.....	Aug. 1, 2	Aug. 29, 30	Aug. 22, 23, 24	Aug. 15, 16, 17	Aug. 29, 30, 31	Aug. 22, 23, 24	Sept. 1, 2, 3*
Baltimore	Oct. 5, 6	Oct. 3, 4	Oct. 1*	.....	Oct. 7, 8*	Sept. 26, 27, 28	Sept. 1, 2, 3*	Aug. 29, 30, 31	Aug. 25, 26, 27*	Aug. 22, 23, 24	Aug. 15, 16, 17	Aug. 22, 23, 24
Washington	Sept. 29, 30	Oct. 1, 2	Aug. 3, 4	Aug. 5, 6*	Aug. 10, 11	.....	Aug. 15, 16, 17	Sept. 1, 2, 3*	Aug. 22, 23, 24	Aug. 15, 16, 17	Aug. 22, 23, 24	Aug. 25, 26, 27*
Pittsburgh	July 18, 19	July 25, 26	July 15, 16*	July 27, 28	July 20, 21	.....	.....	Sept. 1, 2, 3*	Aug. 22, 23, 24	Aug. 15, 16, 17	Aug. 22, 23, 24	Aug. 25, 26, 27*
Cleveland.	Sept. 9, 10*	Sept. 12, 13	Sept. 9, 10*	Sept. 14, 15	Sept. 16, 17*	Sept. 5, 5	.....	Sept. 19, 20, 21	Oct. 13, 15*	Oct. 1*	Oct. 7, 8*	Sept. 26, 27, 28
Cincinnati.	July 27, 28	July 22, 23*	July 18, 19	July 25, 26	July 15, 16*	July 20, 21	Aug. 8, 9	Aug. 9, 10	.....	Aug. 1, 2	Aug. 6, 7*	Sept. 29, 30
Louisville.	Sept. 5, 5	Sept. 16, 17*	Sept. 14, 15	Sept. 12, 13	Sept. 7, 8	Sept. 9, 10*	Oct. 3, 4	Sept. 22, 23, 24*	Sept. 19, 20, 21	.....	Oct. 5, 6	Oct. 10, 11
Chicago	July 22, 23*	July 15, 16*	July 20, 21	July 18, 19	Sept. 25, 26	Sept. 16, 17*	Sept. 12, 13	Oct. 3, 4	Sept. 29, 30	Sept. 26, 27, 28	.....	Aug. 4, 5
St. Louis	Sept. 7, 8	Sept. 1, 5	Sept. 12, 13	Sept. 16, 17*	Sept. 9, 10*	Sept. 14, 15	Oct. 5, 6	Oct. 7, 8*	Oct. 3, 4	Aug. 11, 13*	Aug. 14, 19, 20, 21

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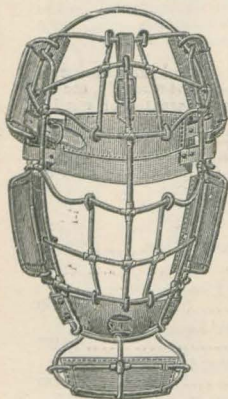
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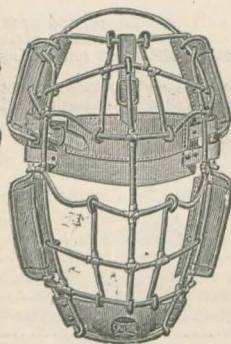
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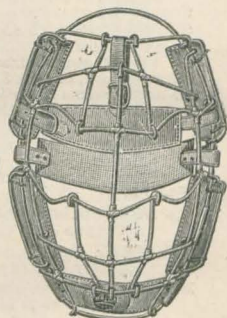
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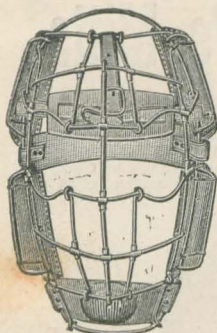
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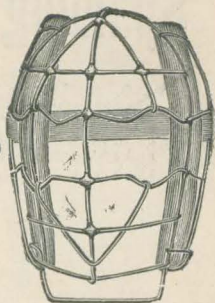
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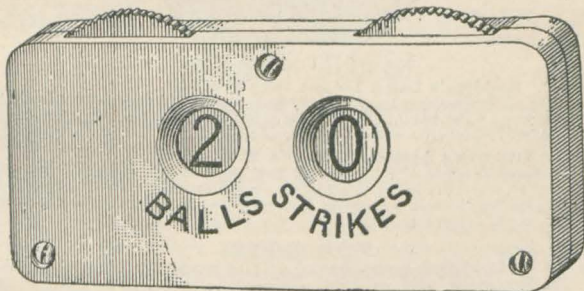
No. C Mask.



No. D Mask.

- No. A. Spalding's Amateur Mask**, made the same size and general style as the League Mask, but with lighter wire and faced with leather. We guarantee this mask to be superior to so-called League or professional masks sold by other manufacturers.\$1.75
- No. B. Spalding's Boys' Amateur Mask**, similar to the No. A Mask, only made smaller, to fit a boy's face. 1.50
- No. C. Youths' Mask**, without head or chin piece. 1.00
- No. D. Boys' Mask**, light wire, without head or chin piece.50

SPALDING'S PATENT CELLULOID UMPIRE INDICATOR,



As shown in the above cut, is intended for the use of BASE BALL UMPIRES and SCORERS to keep tally of the number of Strikes and Balls that may be called. The illustration, which represents the exact size of the Indicator, gives a good idea of its construction and mode of handling. It can be easily operated by the thumb or finger while held in the palm of the hand. It has been highly recommended by all League and Association umpires who have seen it. Price each.50c.

By mail postpaid on receipt of price

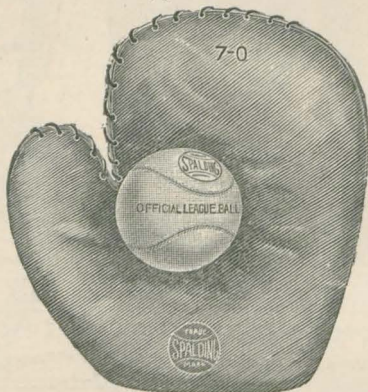
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Spalding's Catcher's Mitts.

PATENTED.

No. 7-0. Spalding's Special League Catcher's Mitt, New Model.

Finest quality drab buckskin, finest dogskin back, with fine buckskin hand-piece with patent short fingered throwing glove. This mitt is padded with extra thick felt, and laced all around, so that the padding can be changed and adjusted to suit the catcher, and is absolutely the finest protection for the hand ever made. Price \$7.50.



No. 7-0. FRONT OF MITT.

No. 5-0. Spalding's Laced League Catcher's Mitt.

Made of fine peccaria hogs skin, very soft, pliable and durable, not liable to harden, with the patent fingerless throwing glove and Decker patent back. In other respects like our 7-0 glove. Price \$5.00.

A. Spalding's Amateur Catcher's Mitt.

This mitt is made of extra quality leather, heavily padded with felt, and laced all around to admit of adjusting the old padding or putting new padding in when necessary. Patent Throwing Glove. The very best mitt for the money. Price \$2.50.

FOR BOYS.

No. 1. SPALDING'S BOYS' SPECIAL LACED MITT, of drab buckskin, heavily padded, with short fingered throwing glove, made like our 7-0 glove, only smaller, making the finest boys' mitt ever made. Price \$4.00.

No. 2. Spalding's Heavily Padded Leather Mitts, for boys, made of buckskin, laced, and with patent short fingered throwing glove. Price \$2.00.

FOR MEN.

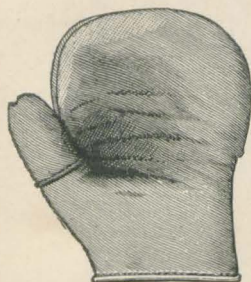
No. 3. Spalding's Full Size Leather Mitt, well made, but of cheaper material—a splendid mitt to sell at popular price—short fingered throwing glove. Price \$1.00.

FOR BOYS.

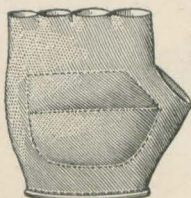
No. 4. Spalding's Leather Mitt, same as No. 3, smaller size, for boys only, at the popular price of 50 cts.

No. 5. Spalding's Canvas Mitt. This mitt, designed for boys, is a first-class mitt for the money, and will meet with rapid sale. Price 25 cts.

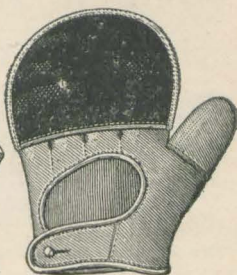
Decker Patent Safety Catcher's Mitt.



Decker Mitt, Front.



Decker Throwing Glove
to go with Mitt.



Decker Mitt, Back.

No. oX. We take pleasure in calling attention to the new **Decker Safety Catching Mitt**, which has, wherever shown and introduced, been conceded to be unequalled for protection to the hands. A catcher need have no fear of broken fingers when wearing them.

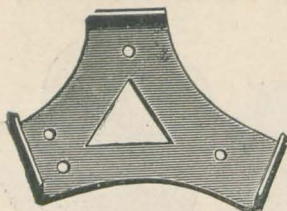
Each pair is packed in a separate box price per pair, \$3 50

SPALDING'S FULL LEFT HAND CATCHER'S AND FIELDER'S GLOVES.

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| No. 2-0 Spalding's Catcher's Gloves, patented, heavy buckskin, with short fingered right hand, well padded, no seams in palms..... | \$3 00 |
| No. G. Spalding's Boy's Cheap Full Left Hand Glove..... | 50 |
| No. J. Spalding's Full Left Hand Glove, Boys' size..... | 25 |
| No. XX. Spalding's Best Quality Drab Buckskin Infielder's Glove, full left or right hand, each..... | 3 00 |
| No. X. Spalding's Amateur Buckskin Infielder's Glove, each..... | 2 00 |
| No. M. Spalding's Fielder's or Basemen's Glove, gold tanned, each..... | 1 50 |
| No. N. Spalding's Fielder's or Basemen's Glove, imitation buckskin, each..... | 1 00 |

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SPALDING'S SHOE PLATES.



We have experienced more difficulty in the manufacture of a Shoe Plate than any other article that goes to make up a ball player's outfit, but at last we are prepared to offer something that will give the player satisfactory service.

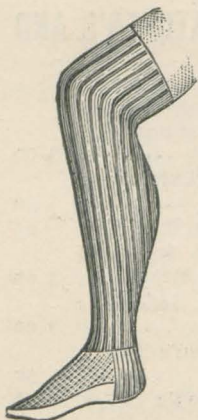
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| No. 3 0. | Spalding's Extra Special Hand Forged Steel Plates, polished and plated, per pair, | \$0 75 |
| No. 2-0. | Spalding's Hand Forged Steel Heel Plates, per pair, | 50 |
| No. 0. | Spalding's Tempered Steel Shoe Plate, made of imported steel, and warranted not to bend or break; put up with screws. | 50 |
| No. 1. | Professional Steel Shoe Plate, similar in shape and style to the No. 0 Plate, put up with screws..... | 25 |
| No. 2. | Amateur Steel Shoe Plate, put up with screws..... | 15 |

PITCHER'S TOE PLATE.

Made of heavy brass, to be worn on the toe of the right shoe. A thorough protection to the shoe, and a valuable assistant in pitching. All professionals use them.

Each.....50c.

Any of above plates sent post-paid on receipt of price.



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BASE BALL STOCKINGS.

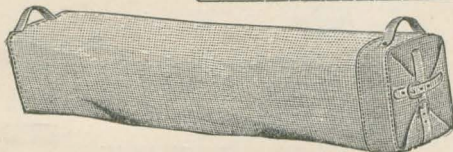
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| No. 2-0. Spalding's New Linen Sole Base Ball Stockings..... | \$15 00 |
| No. 1-0. Spalding's New Linen Sole, Bicycle or Tennis Stockings..... | 13 20 |
| Special. League Regulation, made of the finest worsted yarn. The following colors can be obtained: White, Light Blue, Navy Blue, Scarlet, Gray, Green, Old Gold, Brown..... | 18 00 |
| No. 1. Fine Quality Woolen Stockings, Scarlet, Blue or Brown..... | 12 00 |
| No. 2. Good Quality Woolen Stockings, Scarlet, Blue or Brown..... | 9 00 |
| No. 3. Second Quality Woolen Stockings, Scarlet or Blue..... | 6 00 |

—Sample pair mailed on receipt of price—

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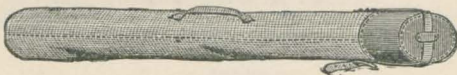
BAT BACS.

No. 0. LEAGUE CLUB BAT BAG, made of sole leather, name on side, to hold 1½ dozen bats...each, \$15.00



No. 1. CANVAS BAT BAG, heavy waterproof canvas, leather ends, to hold 2 dozen bats each,.....\$5.00

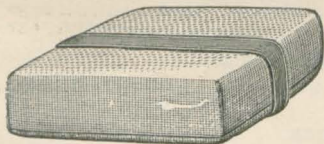
No. 2. CANVAS BAT BAG, heavy waterproof canvas, leather end, to hold 1 dozen bats.....each, \$4 00



No. 01. INDIVIDUAL LEATHER BAT BAG, for 2 bats, Spalding's design, used by the players of the Chicago Club, each, \$4 00

No. 02. INDIVIDUAL CANVAS BAT BAG, heavy waterproof canvas, leather cap at both ends.....each, 1 50

No. 03. INDIVIDUAL CANVAS BAT BAG, heavy canvas, leather cap at one end.....each, 1 00



No. 0 Base.



Home Plate.

BASES.



Pitcher's Box Plates.

No. 0. League Club Bases, made of extra canvas, stuffed and quilted complete, with straps and spikes, without home plate....per set of three, \$7 50

No. 1. Canvas Bases, with straps and spikes, without home plate..... 5 00

No. 2. Cheap Canvas Bases, with straps and spikes complete, without home plate..... 4 00

Rubber Home Plate.....each, 7 50

Marble Home Plate best each, 3 00

Marble Home Plate second quality.....each, 1 25

Plates for Pitcher's box, rubber.....set, 10 00

Marble Home Plate, second quality.....each, 1 25

Plates for Pitcher's box, rubber.....set, 10 00

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BASE BALL UNIFORMS.

(CONTINUED.)

NO. 1 UNIFORM

NO. 1 UNIFORM. The flannel used in this uniform is the same quality as the No. 0 grade but lighter in weight. We have fifteen styles, and all shown on sample card, which will be mailed on application.

PRICE.

No. 1. Quality Shirt, any style.....	Each, \$4 00
" 1. " Pants, ".....	" 3 75
" 1. " Stockings.....	" 1 00
" 1st " Caps.....	" 75
" 0 or 2 " Belt.....	" 50

Necktie to match trimmings.

Uniform complete, without shoes..... \$10 00

Extra for Padded pants..... Each pair, 1 50

NO. 2 UNIFORM.

NO. 2 UNIFORM. Made of $4\frac{1}{2}$ oz. twilled flannel, in the following colors: No. 31, White; No. 32, Yale Gray; No. 33, Shaker Gray; No. 34, Steel, mixed; No. 35, Navy Blue.

PRICE.

No. 2. Quality Shirt, any style.....	Each, \$3 00
" 2. " Pants, ".....	" 2 75
" 2d " Stockings.....	" 75
" 2d " Caps.....	" 60
" 1 or 3 " Belt.....	" 40

Necktie to match trimmings.

Uniform complete, without Shoes..... \$7 50

Extra for Padded pants..... Each pair, 1 50

NO. 3 UNIFORM.

NO. 3 UNIFORM. Made of various colors of flannel. Heavy and strong. The best value at the price.

PRICE.

No. 3. Quality Shirt, any style.....	Each, \$2 00
" 3. " Pants, ".....	" 1 75
" 3. " Stockings.....	" 50
" 3. " Caps.....	" 50
" 3 or 4 " Belt.....	" 25

Uniform complete, without Shoes..... \$5 00

Extra for Padded pants..... Each pair, 1 00

NO. 4 UNIFORM.

Made of a White Shaker flannel and a Gray Cotton Cloth.

PRICE.

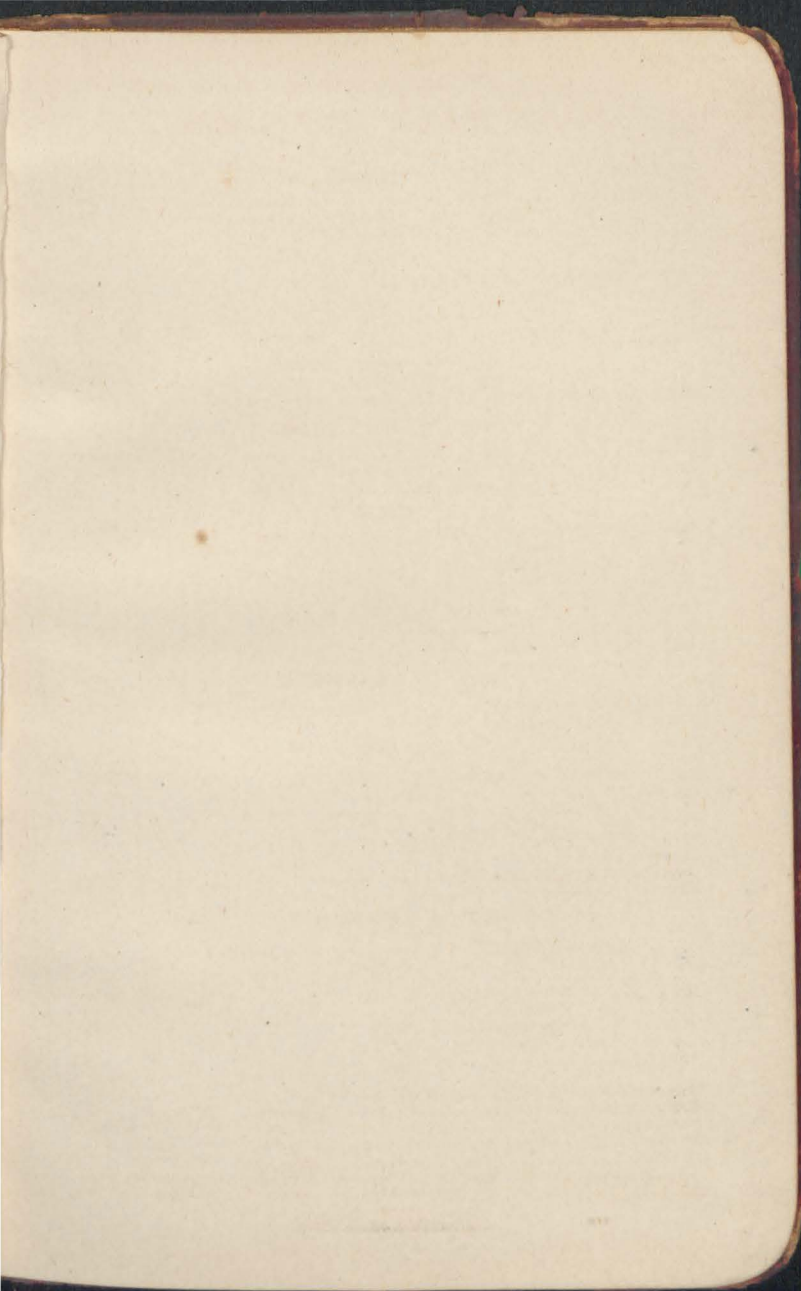
No. 4. Quality Shirt, plain, pleat or lace.....	Each, \$1 60
" 4. " Pants.....	" 1 25
" 4. " Stockings.....	" 25
Canton Flannel Cap, lined.....	" 25
No. 4 Belt.....	" 15

Uniform complete, without Shoes..... \$3 50

Extra for Padded pants..... Each pair, 75

Special Measurement Blanks, Samples of Flannel and Belt Webbing for all of above Uniforms furnished upon application.

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